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Forests on fire in Belgium

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A Belgian firefighter stands among charred tree stumps in an area affected by a wildfire in Waimes on Monday. One of Belgium's biggest ever wildfires continued even as cooler weather and rain eased conditions.

War has Trump in a quagmire

CONFLICT'S END WAS DECLARED TO BE NEAR

Fighting goes on as 60-day window on Iran deal closes

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR. AND RACHEL CHASON

Sixty days ago, seated beside French President Emmanuel Macron at a lavish dinner at the Palace of Versailles, President Donald Trump signed a memorandum of understanding with Iran and declared the beginning of the end of the U.S. conflict with Tehran.

The "historic breakthrough" would lead to the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and ensure Iran never obtained a nuclear weapon, the White House declared. Trump advisers said the deal would demonstrate that the president could end, rather than prolong, the kind of "endless wars" in the Middle East he had spent years denouncing.

The agreement set aside two months for talks to turn the interim truce into something more ambitious: a broader settlement of the decades-long standoff over Iran's nuclear program.

That window has now closed.

The war has not ended. The Strait of Hormuz remains largely shut. Detailed negotiations over Iran's nuclear program never began.

The United States has resumed its blockade of Iranian ports. Tehran is demanding concessions that the Trump administration has rejected. And the administration has now publicly disowned several of the key points in the ill-fated memorandum, including development of a plan "with at least $300 billion for the reconstruction and development" of Iran, a waiver of sanctions to allow Iran to sell oil, and a "dialogue" between Iran and Oman over how to run the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump on Monday went so far as to threaten to bomb Oman over its talks with Iran on management of the strait, through which 20 percent of the world's oil used to pass.

If Oman "gets in the way," Trump said in a Fox News interview, the U.S. would "bomb the s--- out of them." He demanded that Iran raise "the white flag of surrender" while insisting that

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New Florida map reorients Wasserman Schultz

White Democratic congresswoman aims to win heavily Black district

BY TEO ARMUS

SUNRISE, FLA. — When Republicans cut up her mostly blue congressional district to boost their chances in the midterm elections, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D) faced a choice.

The veteran lawmaker could have stuck to her home address and a new, predominantly White district that went for Donald Trump by 10 percentage points.

Instead, Wasserman Schultz jumped into the primary for a neighboring district in Broward County, where a handful of prominent African American leaders were already vying to represent an area that is more than 40 percent Black.

That's how she ended up at a holiday concert in this sweltering suburb earlier this summer, passing out handshakes and pamphlets as she stressed the one thing that set her apart from her primary opponents — other than her race.

"We don't want to lose the power and experience I have for Broward," she said, pausing only briefly as she zipped through the crowd in her rhinestone-covered platform sneakers. "It's essential we have people with enough experience to be able to fight."

A 59-year-old former national party chair and frequent cable news presence, Wasserman Schultz is among the nation's most prominent incumbents being forced to reintroduce themselves and make the case for seniority this year.

Yet more so than other contests, her primary race in Florida's 20th District represents the often thorny trade-offs Democrats face as Trump and the GOP have sought to redraw maps across the country and eliminate deep-blue seats in Congress.

After the Supreme Court weakened the Voting Rights Act this year, some veteran Democrats across the South have been forced to choose between running on more politically competitive turf or bowing out entirely.

Wasserman Schultz chose a third option, turning her election into a contest that effectively pits congressional experience against racial representation.

It's especially potent when the ranks of Black lawmakers in Congress are all but guaranteed to dwindle, said Corey Shearer, president of Broward's Black Democratic Caucus, which has backed a rival candidate, Dale Holness.

"She's been an ally, but suddenly it's feeling more like she's using the familiarity she's built against us," Shearer said. "With the landscape of all that, somebody who says they're our friend decides: 'Hey, I'm in trouble, and I'm going to take yours.'"

Four other candidates are seeking the nomination: Holness, a former mayor of Broward County; a young progressive activist; the district's disgraced former congresswoman; and a 1990s rapper perhaps best known for the song "Me So Horny." But it may be difficult for any of them to edge out Wasserman Schultz, who has a massive advantage in fundraising and name recognition.

A former state lawmaker who made the jump to Congress in 2004, Wasserman Schultz is quick to point out that she has represented at least some of Bro-

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Kushner, Netanyahu make little progress

Demilitarization of Hamas, withdrawal of Israelis from Gaza stalled

BY LIOR SOROKA, KAREN DEYOUNG, JOSHUA YANG AND MOHAMAD EL CHAMAA

TEL AVIV — The president's son-in-law Jared Kushner and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met Monday in Jerusalem but made little progress toward fulfilling a plan for complete demilitarization of Hamas and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza.

In a statement following the meeting, President Donald Trump's Board of Peace said it had agreed with Israel's insistence that there would be no pullout of the Israel Defense Forces from Gaza before all Hamas weapons, tunnels and infrastructure are gone.

One senior Board of Peace official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy, said the post-meeting statement was worded carefully to avoid conflict and take into account Israel's contentious national election in October, in which Gaza will be a central issue.

The talks with Kushner were intended to find breathing space between two seemingly irreconcilable views and keep the talks alive at least through the fall, the official added.

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Another rise in kindergarten vaccine exemptions in U.S.

Record high for the 2025-26 school year continues a trend

BY LENA H. SUN

The share of U.S. kindergartners with exemptions from school vaccine requirements for the 2025-2026 school year rose to another record high, according to federal data posted Monday. The sharp increase from 3.6 to 4.2 percent seeking exemptions — about 155,000 students — extends a years-long erosion of childhood immunization rates as the country battles its worst measles resurgence in 35 years.

As exemptions increased, U.S. kindergarten vaccination rates fell slightly for all reported vaccines from the year before. Coverage for the major vaccines required for kindergarten — MMR (measles, mumps and rubella); DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis); poliovirus vaccine (polio); and varicella (chicken pox) — decreased in more than half of states for the second year in a row, the CDC said.

The latest numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention arrive as President Donald Trump and Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. seek sweeping changes to the childhood immunization schedule.

Trump last week directed federal health officials to move toward giving the measles, mumps and rubella vaccines separately rather than in the combined MMR shot and to space out childhood vaccinations over more medical visits. The combined shot has been a cornerstone of measles prevention for decades, and separate measles, mumps and rubella vaccines are not currently available in the United States.

The proposal defies guidance from major medical groups and is directly at odds with CDC's

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Freedom 250
Grand Prix

KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

Bumper-to-bumper traffic

Much faster cars — and no pedestrians — will be competing on the streets of D.C. this weekend during the Freedom 250 Grand Prix IndyCar series race around the National Mall.

Race is on to prep for new deadly viruses

BY IAN DUNCAN

The White House is working to strengthen safeguards against biological attacks after staffing cuts early in the second Trump administration depleted expertise in a field where officials increasingly fear artificial intelligence could make it easier to create deadly pathogens.

By the end of President Joe Biden's term, the White House had built a team of as many as 30 people focused on biological security, according to three former government officials who worked on the issue — two for Biden and Trump, and one just for Biden — and spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid professional retaliation.

This specialized staff was

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Beloved bald eagle's death spurs fan backlash

Caretakers are flooded with questions after Jackie's health failed

BY COLE REYNOLDS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS SAN DIMAS RAPTOR RESCUE CENTER/AP

Jackie the bald eagle is examined at the San Dimas Raptor Rescue in Los Angeles on July 18.

Christian Weaver starts her mornings first with the Bible, then the bald eagles.

Weaver is among millions who have spent hours watching a live stream trained on a family of bald eagles nested high above California's San Bernardino Mountains.

The webcam allowed viewers to follow Jackie — the first eagle chick believed to have hatched in the San Bernardino National Forest's Big Bear Valley — and her mate, Shadow.

Friends of Big Bear Valley installed the camera in 2015, and the nonprofit has amassed more than 460 million views on YouTube. Weaver began to tune in about two years ago after her mother encouraged her to do so.

But in recent weeks, Jackie had been missing from view. The eagle was being treated for an illness by veterinarians at the Ojai Raptor Center, north of Los Angeles.

Then last week, the center announced that the beloved 14-year-old eagle had died.

Weaver was heartbroken, yes. But she was also suspicious.

"Ojai Raptor Center has some explaining to do," she wrote on the social media platform X. "Just saying."

Weaver said she took "a lot of flak for even saying something about it." But she wasn't the only fan insistent on answers.

Even as the Ojai Raptor Center posted multiple social media updates a week about Jackie's condition, fans circulated a petition demanding more frequent posts.

Friends of Big Bear Valley also received a deluge of calls while Jackie was ill and offscreen, said Jenny Voisard, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit. Callers suggested medical treatments they thought the eagle should be receiving or demanded updates about her condition, Voisard said.

While caring for Jackie, the raptor center posted that wildlife professionals "increasingly face constant requests for information, repeated phone calls, unexpected visits, messages on their personal social media accounts, and, in some cases, contact at their private homes."

That statement further angered Weaver, she said. She wasn't used to the eagle being out of sight. Last year, she even kept the television in her bedroom tuned to Jackie's nest.

With Jackie sequestered in Ojai, Weaver said she became convinced that doctors were withholding information. She said she didn't call the caretakers like other fans but doesn't think the center should have been bothered by those who did.

As some turned on Jackie's caregivers though, Voisard said the campaign — particularly the petition — had grown "absurd."

FRIENDS OF BIG BEAR VALLEY AND BIG BEAR EAGLE NEST CAM/U.S. FOREST SERVICE/AP

Jackie and her mate, Shadow, watch their eggs in a nest near California's Big Bear Lake in March 2022.

Artificial intelligence-generated images of Jackie spread online, prompting the raptor center to ask fans not to share them. A particularly insidious rumor, Voisard said, were claims that the raptor center was pretending that Jackie was still alive to collect donations.

Members of the Friends of Big Bear Valley staff tried responding when they could, Voisard said, but eventually they restricted comments on at least one post. "The sheer volume of comments and emails, like there's no way anybody could keep up," Voisard added.

Amy Ries watched the drama unfold from afar. She'd set up an eagle webcam in 2010, nearly 1,500 miles away in Iowa. She recalled predicting with a colleague ahead of its launch that they were going to have "so much fun" sharing the live stream. That, she said, would be her last moment of peace for years.

Ries's eagle cam went viral. Fans would call her phone at 3 a.m., demanding that she put an umbrella over the nest when it was raining. And last year, when two females mated with an adult male, a fan requested Ries go and shoot one of the female birds, she said.

"As soon as I heard that something was going on with Jackie, I felt bad for them," Ries said of the eagle's caretakers in California. "They are going to have an invasion of their private life that will be cruel and unnecessary."

Americans have long been enamored with the symbol of the bald eagle since it first appeared on the seal in 1782, said Pulitzer-winning historian Jack E. Davis, who wrote a chronicle of the bird. But for decades, they hated the animal itself.

During the 1800s, it was considered a civic duty to kill bald eagles, as they were seen as pests, Davis said. In the mid-1900s, poisonous insecticides pushed the bald eagle population to the brink of extinction.

But wildlife organizations began placing web cameras in eagles' nests in recent decades, and viewers became attached to the birds' domestic lives, which Davis said can resemble ours. Many eagles mate for life and co-parent their young. When something goes wrong, Davis said, some fans are known to berate wildlife staff.

"Our emotional ties to the bird are as powerful now as our patriotic ties," Davis said.

After Jackie's death, Weaver — who at one point had suggested online that Jackie's doctors had withheld test results — added in another post: "I feel strung along." In hindsight, she said, her messages were improperly worded.

But she doesn't regret posting them. It was a symptom of her anger, she said, and she remains convinced there's more to the story.

Even after state wildlife officials said Tuesday that Jackie had a large blood clot in her wing and kidney, Weaver wondered whether blood thinners could have helped. When did the center know Jackie was going to die, she said she has wondered. Could her fans have gotten more warning?

The Ojai Raptor Center's board chair said the center was waiting for more information before further speaking publicly about the eagle's final few weeks.

In the days following Jackie's death, Weaver's mornings haven't changed. She reads the Bible and watches Shadow — now hopeful he'll find a new mate.

Fantasy football is starting soon, and Weaver said that will distract her. She hasn't fully moved on though.

"I'm just annoyed by it, really," she said. The feeling, she added, is one of her stages of grief.

Pet goose honks to alert family that adopted him of barn fire

Goosey rushed out of the barn squawking so forcefully he woke up Bert Gerber, who had never heard him honk before

BY KYLE MELNICK

Bert Gerber was woken up in the middle of the night by a loud and unfamiliar honking noise.

He walked outside in his flip-flops to find his family's barn — where about 60 turkeys and chickens slept — on fire.

Gerber grabbed a water hose and rushed toward the flames, which he put out in about three minutes. The fire had not reached the animals, all of whom survived.

"In just a couple more minutes," Gerber said, "it would've been too much for a water hose."

A few hours later, Gerber watched footage from his surveillance camera in his yard in Richmond, Texas. The footage showed his family's pet goose, Goosey, waddling out of the barn amid the fire and honking several times — one squawk was so forceful he sounded like he was wailing.

The noise woke up Gerber, prompting him to extinguish the fire before any animals were hurt, he said. It was the first time Gerber heard Goosey, who is typically quiet and shy, honk.

Later that day, Aug. 3, Gerber's wife, Chelsea Gerber, shared the video on social media, where more than 1 million people have witnessed Goosey's fortuitous screeching.

"Goosey wasn't just making noise," wrote Chelsea Gerber, 39. "He was sounding the alarm."

Three months before the fire, Chelsea Gerber, who manages a breeding farm, didn't want to get a pet goose. She said the geese her family raised in Vassar, Michigan, often chased and bit her when she was a child.

But she and her daughter Elaina, 9, visited a Texas poultry exposition in May that let visitors hold a goose. Elaina became emotional petting a Sebastopol gosling's fluffy feathers. She wanted to take the goose home, and her mom reluctantly agreed.

The family bought a plastic children's pool, which Goosey excitedly runs to when Chelsea Gerber fills it every morning.

As Goosey grew in recent weeks, he moved from sleeping on the family's back porch to a red barn with chickens and turkeys. He likes sleeping in a stall beside the chicken coop.

That's where Goosey was around 1 a.m. when the fire ignited in the barn. A few seconds later, Goosey, about 4 months old, hustled into the yard with a warning cry.

The Gerbers said the fire was probably caused by a ceiling wire that overheated or was chewed by an animal.

Reviewing the security camera footage later that morning, Bert Gerber said Goosey looked like "a phoenix rising from the ashes." Chelsea Gerber said tears filled her eyes witnessing Goosey's efforts.

CHELSEA GERBER

Elaina Gerber, 9, became emotional when she met Goosey at a Texas poultry exposition in May and the goose became her pet.

"I don't think we give animals enough credit for how emotional they truly are," she said. "And if you listen to them, they do communicate with you — just not with words."

Goosey seemed unfazed by the incident, the Gerbers said, and has been rewarded with his favorite snacks: peas, romaine lettuce and watermelon.

He has appeared to take on a guardian role among the birds. When a turkey named Puppy leaves her nest of a dozen eggs, Goosey sits atop the eggs to keep them warm, the Gerbers said. But he's still shy; Goosey avoided reporters from Houston news station KHOU who came to the barn to report on his heroics a few days after the fire.

The Gerbers said they are replacing the wiring in the barn and hope to eventually build a new one.

Chelsea Gerber once told her daughter that Goosey would be their only pet goose. Now, she's considering getting a female goose she would name Lucy.

"No rush on goslings," she said, "but if they happen naturally we would be thrilled."

THE NATION

Groups seek to upend Texas's Ten Commandments law

Supreme Court asked to hear challenge to law affecting public schools

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL AND LAURA MECKLER

Civil liberties groups on Monday asked the Supreme Court to hear their challenge of a Texas law requiring that all public school classrooms display the Ten Commandments, potentially setting up a landmark clash over the separation of church and state.

The justices are expected to decide in coming months whether to take up the case, which is being closely watched as conservatives in Texas and elsewhere work to expand religious rights in public spaces and opponents battle them in court. In April, a conservative appeals court upheld the law in a narrowly divided opinion.

The case would be one of the most significant dealing with religion in public schools since an ideologically divided Supreme Court ruled in 2022 that a former public high school football coach's on-field prayers were protected under the First Amendment's right to free speech.

In the current case, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans upheld the Texas law on a 9-8 vote, overturning a lower-court ruling that found the measure unconstitutional.

The Ten Commandments
I AM the LORD thy God.
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.
Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
Thou shalt not kill.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

ERIC GAY/AP

Ten Commandments posters are delivered to local public schools in New Braunfels, Texas.

More than a dozen Texas families of multiple faiths sued to block the law after it was signed by Gov. Greg Abbott (R) last year. They argued the statute violates the First Amendment ban on the government establishing religion, known as the establishment clause, and improperly forced the Christian faith onto students.

The families are being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Texas, and Americans United, a group that advocates for the separation of church and state.

"If the permanent, unavoidable imposition of *biblical scripture* in public-school classrooms does not interfere with, or threaten to undermine, parents' ability to direct their children's religious education and to instill particular religious beliefs and practices, it is difficult to imagine what would," the groups wrote in their petition to the Supreme Court.

Texas has argued that simply posting the Ten Commandments in classrooms does not pressure students into a "formal religious exercise" so the law does not run afoul of the establishment clause.

"This is a major victory for Texas and our moral values," Paxton said in a post on X after the appeals court ruling in April. "The Ten Commandments have had a profound impact on our nation, and it's important that students learn from them every single day."

The appeals court majority pointed to the 2022 Supreme Court ruling in favor of the high school football coach as guiding its decision. The judges explained that the case established a historical test: Would people at the time of America's founding consider Texas's law a violation of the Constitution's establishment clause? They answered no.

"It does not tell churches or synagogues or mosques what to believe or how to worship or whom to employ as priests, rabbis, or imams," the appeals court wrote of Texas's law. "It punishes no one who rejects the Ten Commandments, no matter the reason. It levies no taxes to support any clergy. It does not co-opt churches to perform civic functions."

Three Houston mothers filed a separate lawsuit over the Texas Ten Commandments law in July, arguing it violates the state's religious freedom law and a state parental rights amendment.

Arkansas and Louisiana have also passed laws requiring the Ten Commandments be displayed in classrooms, but the Arkansas law has been blocked by a judge. Other states have established Bible-influenced school curriculums and tapped chaplains to serve as counselors. The Trump administration issued guidance in February allowing prayer time in schools.

The 6-3 conservative majority on the Supreme Court has greatly expanded the rights of the religious in recent terms. In March, the justices ruled a Colorado ban on "conversion therapy" for LGBTQ+ children probably violates the free speech rights of a religious counselor.

Last year, the justices ruled religious parents could remove students from public school lessons involving LGBTQ+ books that conflicted with their faith. The high court has also ruled that states must allow religious schools to participate in school voucher programs if secular schools are allowed to take part.

One notable loss came last term when the justices deadlocked over the creation of the nation's first religious public charter school in Oklahoma. After Justice Amy Coney Barrett recused herself, a 4-4 tie allowed a lower-court ruling blocking the school to stand.

A Jewish group has started a fresh legal fight to try to establish another religious public charter school in Oklahoma, potentially setting up a test of the same law that could wend its way back to the Supreme Court.

Federal border construction halts at Big Bend National Park after pushback

Project is seen by many as needlessly damaging to iconic Texas park

BY JAKE SPRING AND ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ

The Trump administration on Monday halted construction of a border patrol road in Big Bend National Park, following local pushback that criticized the work as unnecessarily damaging critical-species habitat and altering the landscape of the iconic national park on the Texas-Mexico border.

Earlier this month, Customs and Border Protection contractors began clearing a path for a road that would run the length of the park and eventually be accompanied by vehicle barriers and additional cables for surveillance equipment in some sections along the border.

"Last night, I put a pause on all activity in that park as far as construction goes, 'til I can get down there and do a personal evaluation, talk to some stakeholders, talk to local law enforcement in that area," said CBP Commissioner Rodney Scott in a video posted on X.

Scott filmed the video in a Texas airport on his way to visit the park, promising "more to follow this week."

Since construction work began, a network of residents and local landowners have been vigilant , documenting every lump of dirt moved by heavy equipment inside the national park.

They have mounted a social media campaign using videos and photos of the work to plead for greater transparency on the administration's border barrier plans. The images show contractors in yellow vests working with bulldozers and excavators leaving a path of dirt and tread marks in their wake.

Satellite images showed that several thousand feet had been bulldozed in the floodplain along the Rio Grande as of last week to make way for the future road.

Late last week, Scott sought to clarify work he said was happening at the park — suggesting it was not part of barrier construction but, rather, survey and design efforts — describing it in a statement as building a "new access road, improving existing roads, installing detection technology, and placing vehicle barriers in limited, strategic locations."

Opponents of the construction say additional security infrastructure is unnecessary, noting that the Big Bend region already has the lowest level of illegal crossings of any segment of the border.

Locals have sued the federal government, filed complaints with environmental protection agencies, opposed permits for contractors to use local roads and wells and pushed lawmakers to demand answers on what work is being done. Members of Congress in both parties have called for greater transparency from CBP.

In yet another attempt to halt the project, an Indigenous group filed a lawsuit in federal court on Friday against the alleged destruction of sacred sites in the park, citing religious protections.

BRANDON BELL

A bulldozer plows through land during construction for a section of border wall near Santa Elena Canyon last week in Big Bend National Park in Texas.

Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez (D), who is representing the plaintiffs in that lawsuit, said federal leaders are feeling the pressure as residents reach out to their lawmakers every day about the construction. The legal team filed an application for a temporary restraining order late Sunday in an attempt to stop the work.

"We are pleased that Commissioner Scott has made this announcement to pause the construction until he gets a feeling of what's happening," Gutierrez said Monday. "But the real concern is Commissioner Scott told us that they are only surveying. Unless you survey with bulldozers, backhoes and excavators, I don't believe what Mr. Scott and the rest of the representatives of the federal government are saying."

"I hope this pause is in earnest," he added.

While several lawsuits related to the border infrastructure work have failed to halt the project, Gutierrez is confident the religious grounds of their complaint may open up a new front in the legal battle.

Adam Isacson of the Washington Office on Latin America submitted a recent "expert report" in another lawsuit analyzing federal border encounter data.

In it, he concluded that of all the sectors, Big Bend had the lowest number of apprehensions and is a fraction of apprehensions in other sectors, both historically and since the beginning of the second Trump administration.

"The intent to build border barrier in the Big Bend seems to reflect the amount of funding DHS has on hand from recently approved legislation, rather than any urgency over illegal entries," Isacson wrote in the court filing.

The work in Big Bend is part of $46.5 billion for construction of additional border walls and other security infrastructure across the entire border that Congress authorized last year in Trump's signature One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

The work will not include a 30-foot border wall running through the park as is being built along much of the rest of the border, according to CBP, which backed down on plans for that type of barrier earlier this year.

Still, the path of the bulldozers has already destroyed areas that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated as critical habitat for the threatened yellow-billed cuckoo. Such a designation would typically demand that the government conduct extensive environmental studies and come up with a plan to mitigate harm to the species. But the Department of Homeland Security has waived several dozen conservation laws, including the Endangered Species Act, so that contractors can disregard them.

CBP's proposed route for the patrol road would go over Mariscal Mountain, which sits above the park's namesake Big Bend, where the river bends back to the north.

Locals are concerned that will require explosives to blast through the hard rock to create a road wide enough for a car over the mountain, irreversibly changing the view enjoyed by hikers and disrupting peregrine falcons that nest nearby, although CBP denies that blasting will be necessary.

For now, Scott said all work has stopped, although locals wonder if that will become permanent.

"We are cautiously optimistic," said Jenna Cantrell, a nearby resident who has been monitoring the activity closely. "It's peaceful and quiet again."

DIGEST

CONGRESS

Jeffries calls for high court overhaul

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said Sunday he wants to see "dramatic reform" to the Supreme Court, heeding a growing clamor within the Democratic Party for changes.

Speaking on "Meet the Press," Jeffries said an overhaul could start with the creation of an ethical code of conduct for justices, but he stopped short of backing a proposal popular with some Democrats to expand the number of justices on the court.

Jeffries said that Rep. Jamie Raskin (Maryland), the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, would take the lead in shaping the plans to restructure the court if the party wins back control of the chamber this year.

"What I support is dramatic reform," Jeffries said. "The American people should have confidence in the highest court in the land."

Democrats have proposed a host of major changes to the court in recent months, including expanding its membership and imposing term limits, in response to rulings that have taken a rightward turn.

Jeffries did not endorse any specific proposals, but he noted his frustration with the *Louisiana v. Callais* decision in April, which weakened a key section of the Voting Rights Act that ensures the creation of majority-minority districts.

"The Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act in ways that do the bidding of extreme MAGA Republicans who turned around in the Deep South and unleashed these Jim Crow-like tactics," Jeffries said. "It's inconsistent with the law and with the Constitution."

Conservatives have dismissed the proposals from Democrats as attempts to further politicize the court over decisions they do not like.

— Matthew Choi

HEALTH CARE

Cassidy blasts changes to vaccine schedule

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana) blasted President Donald Trump's recent executive order overhauling the childhood vaccine schedule, saying it will raise costs for patients and make vaccines less accessible.

Trump signed an executive order last week to unbundle the childhood MMR vaccine into three separate shots. Trump defended the move as sparing children from a combination that he said was "sort of like a nuclear weapon."

"Yeah, that's a crazy, stupid thing," Cassidy said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union," referring to Trump's remark. "This is why the president's poll numbers are going down, because people don't perceive that he knows the reality of their life."

Cassidy said separating the vaccines would yield no medical benefits while burdening parents with the added costs of multiple doctor visits for their children. This could reduce the rates of vaccination, potentially endangering people with immune-system vulnerabilities, such as pregnant women, he said.

"If you're pro-life, you should be pro-vaccine," Cassidy said.

The senator also noted that insurance companies paying for more visits would raise premiums at a moment when health care costs are top of mind for voters.

Cassidy, a physician, has been outspoken against the Trump administration's attempts to redo vaccine schedules.

Cassidy lost his reelection bid in May, falling to Rep. Julia Letlow in the Republican primary, and has since been increasingly willing to challenge the administration. He voted last year to confirm Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as health secretary, despite the then-nominee's past public skepticism about vaccines.

When asked about his vote to confirm Kennedy, Cassidy said, "You have to live life living forward."

— Matthew Choi

CLIMATE

Lala may be warning of what's to come

This past weekend, Hawaii was lashed by a rare hurricane, as Lala's eye passed just 20 miles south of the Big Island's southern tip Saturday.

Lala, which has since weakened into a tropical storm and is moving away from Hawaii, brought a remarkable two to three feet of rain to parts of the Big Island, where the steep terrain and mountains enhanced precipitation.

In a statement released Sunday, Hawaii Gov. Josh Green (D) said 100 homes had been lost there and that bridges and schools had been damaged.

"Amazingly, we believe there's either been no loss of life or maybe one tragic accident that might have been caused by this rainfall and wind," Green said.

But Lala looks like a harbinger of many more storms to come across the Pacific Ocean.

That's partly because the ocean has warmed to record levels across swaths of the Pacific because of a combination of El Niño, a marine heat wave and the background influence of climate change.

Later this week, there's the potential for three new storms in the Pacific — one possibly near Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands — and two more in the east-central Pacific, between Mexico and Hawaii.

There's also a much higher chance than normal this year for tropical moisture or remnant storms in the eastern Pacific to reach California and the Intermountain West, although no such impacts are imminent.

Hurricane season in the eastern and central Pacific, which runs through November, looks like it will be a marathon.

— Ben Noll

Dispute over fact vs. fiction at trial over Tupac's killing

BY JESSICA HILL
Associated Press

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Duane Davis appears at Clark County District Court Regional Justice Center in Las Vegas on Monday.

LAS VEGAS — A prosecutor said Monday that while few have been willing to speak about the 1996 killing of Tupac Shakur, Duane "Keffe D" Davis is the "one person who has a hard time being silent."

"Let's be clear, Duane Davis did not pull the trigger. But he did plan the shooting in retaliation of the beating of his nephew," Chief Deputy District Attorney Binu Palal told jurors at the start of Davis's Las Vegas trial. "Remarkably, you will learn that from Duane Davis himself."

Davis, 63, is charged with murder with a deadly weapon with the intent to promote, further or assist a criminal gang in Shakur's death. He pleaded not guilty. His lawyer in the defense opening called the prosecution's narrative "fiction." If convicted, Davis faces life in prison.

Palal showed jurors video of Shakur's entourage attacking Davis's nephew Orlando "Baby Lane" Anderson outside a boxing match at the MGM Grand hours before the shooting Sept. 7, 1996.

Davis spent the next two hours planning how to get even, said Palal, and Shakur was gunned down "in an act of revenge."

In a 2008 interview with a federal task force investigating the killing of Shakur's rival, the Notorious B.I.G., Davis instead talked about the Shakur shooting. He described handing a gun to the men in the back seat of a white Cadillac that fired on a black BMW with Shakur and Marion "Suge" Knight inside.

As prosecutors played audio of Davis explaining the moment Shakur was shot, members of Shakur's family, including his stepbrother Maurice "Mopreme" Shakur, stared ahead and listened intently from the audience.

Palal told jurors Davis held onto a visceral hatred for Shakur for decades that drove him to speak.

He said as early as 1998, the defendant talked to the FBI and admitted he had been in Las Vegas the night of the shooting. He spoke again in 1999 to the FBI and said again he was in Las Vegas then but denied responsibility.

In 2009, he admitted to his role in the killing in an interview with Las Vegas police, Palal said.

"And now 30 years later, we're going to ask you to finally hold Duane Davis accountable," Palal said.

He also showed jurors the 2019 memoir that Davis co-authored, "Compton Street Legend," that the prosecution will use and that the defense fought to keep out of the trial, along with several of the defendant's interviews.

Davis, wearing a blue suit and tie, watched the presentation while sitting next to his attorney. He sat quietly with his hands folded on the table in front of him, occasionally nodding along as his attorney spoke.

> *Duane Davis faces life in prison for his alleged involvement in the 1996 killing of Tupac Shakur. The story of the drive-by shooting has long gripped the hip-hop community, partly because no one was charged until Davis was indicted in 2023.*

"The state has just told you what they believe is the evidence in this case," attorney Michael Sanft said to jurors in his opening. "What they are telling you, they are representing as fact, when it's really fiction."

Sanft said Davis wasn't previously charged for the 1996 killing because law enforcement knew that he was "full of crap."

"There's no facts," he said, to back up what Davis said in his book.

The defense attorney also pointed to missing documents in the original investigation and distrust between Los Angeles and Las Vegas police departments. He pointed out that the Compton Police Department was shut down in September 2000 over corruption.

He called one detective's work "biased," "sloppy" and "incomplete." He said retired Detective Clifford Mogg read portions of Davis's book into the record as if it were fact but said Mogg did not verify claims in it.

The story of the drive-by shooting has long gripped the hip-hop community, partly because no one was charged until Davis was indicted in 2023.

The other three men riding in the Cadillac have all died in the years since.

"When he says he's the only person who can tell what happened, he's right," Palal said.

Shakur remains a cultural icon and is considered one of the most influential and versatile rappers of all time, despite dying at 25. He was nominated for six Grammy Awards and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2017.

Retired Las Vegas police officer Garry Dale was the first of the 35 to 45 witnesses the prosecution plans to call at the trial, which is expected to last about a month. He recounted how he and another officer stopped a car carrying Knight and Shakur because the vehicle didn't have a license plate. They let the pair go with a warning.

About 10 minutes later the two officers responded to a call about a shooting and found Shakur being pulled from the car by EMTs, Dale said. Knight had been grazed by bullets, but told the officers to take care of Shakur, he testified.

Dale jumped in the ambulance and tried to get Shakur to tell him who shot him. The retired officer said that Shakur said something like, "No, we'll take care of it."

Another witness, Ingrid Stokes, testified that she and her friends were heading home from Las Vegas when they encountered Shakur and Knight, who was friends with a woman in Stokes's group.

Knight invited them to a nightclub, she said, and they decided to meet them there.

The car Stokes was riding in was one lane over and a car length ahead of Knight's vehicle, when they heard gunshots while stopped at an intersection, she said.

Stokes said they feared more gunfire and drove away, almost hitting a white four-door vehicle in the process.

When they returned to the scene, police treated them like suspects, she said, and made them sit on the sidewalks. She was scared to talk about the case, worried about poor treatment from law enforcement and the potential for retribution from the unknown shooter.

"Snitches get stitches," she said.

High court rebuffs Trump's bid to overturn $5 million verdict in Carroll case

The president was found liable for sexually abusing the former columnist

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL

The Supreme Court on Monday again rebuffed President Donald Trump's bid to overturn a $5 million verdict against him in a case in which he was found liable for sexually abusing former advice columnist E. Jean Carroll.

The justices denied a long-shot request by Trump's attorneys to reconsider their decision to let stand the 2023 civil judgment in the high-profile case. They did not explain their ruling.

The decision is not a surprise — the Supreme Court has not granted a rehearing since the mid-1960s.

Roberta Kaplan, an attorney for Carroll, said Carroll and her legal team were "pleased" with the outcome.

"As a result, the jury's unanimous verdict that Donald Trump sexually assaulted and then defamed E. Jean Carroll is now final and cannot be challenged in any court," Kaplan said.

The ruling comes after the justices in June declined to hear an appeal of the verdict. The decision left in place a 2024 appeals court ruling that affirmed the judgment.

A New York jury found Trump liable in 2023 of sexually abusing Carroll in a Bergdorf Goodman dressing room in Manhattan in 1996. It also found Trump later defamed Carroll.

The defamation claim arose from a Truth Social post that Trump made in 2022 after Carroll went public with allegations that Trump sexually assaulted her. Trump called the allegations a "complete con job," a "Hoax," and a "Scam" concocted by Carroll to sell her memoir.

Trump denies any wrongdoing and has faced no criminal charges. In a petition to the Supreme Court in the appeal, his attorneys called the allegations "facially implausible" and "politically motivated."

Last month, Trump asked the Supreme Court to overturn a separate $83.3 million verdict against him for defaming Carroll in the wake of the $5 million verdict.

The court has not yet weighed in on that request.

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In a Truth Social post in 2022, Donald Trump called E. Jean Carroll's allegation that he had sexually assaulted her in 1996 a "con job."

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Kindergarten vaccine exemptions jump to another record high across the U.S.

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own scientific guidance.

"No published scientific evidence shows any benefit in separating the combination MMR vaccine into three individual shots," the agency says on its MMR vaccine safety page as of Monday. Elsewhere on CDC's website, the agency says combination vaccines reduce the number of injections children receive while providing the same protection and may help more children get recommended vaccinations on time.

The new CDC data released this week shows a continuing decline in childhood vaccination rates and rise in exemption rates, and what's at stake as the administration seeks to remake federal vaccine policy.

The biggest factor in the increasing exemption rate came from families seeking nonmedical exemptions, the data shows. Exemptions increased across a broader expanse of the country last year, rising in 41 states and the District of Columbia, compared with 36 states and the District the previous year. Twenty-four states now report exemption rates exceeding 5 percent.

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In terms of vaccine coverage, the data shows that 92.4 percent of kindergartners had received the required two doses of the MMR vaccine during the 2025-2026 school year, down slightly from 92.5 percent the previous year. Before the coronavirus pandemic, the rate was 95 percent, the level at which it is generally considered unlikely that a single infection will trigger a disease cluster or outbreak. The number of kindergartners attending school without documentation of completing the MMR vaccine series was about 280,000 during the 2025-2026 school year.

Coverage for other required childhood vaccines also declined, dropping to 92 percent for DTaP, from 92.1 percent the previous year, and to 92.4 percent for polio, from 92.5 percent the previous year.

"Measles and other infectious diseases don't stop at the classroom door," said James Campbell, chair of the American

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A child gets a measles, mumps and rubella vaccination. Coverage among kindergartners for major vaccines fell in more than half the states.

Academy of Pediatrics committee on infectious diseases and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland. "That's why school entry requirements matter: They protect and keep entire communities safe, and experience shows that when parents receive clear, trustworthy information from health professionals, they're far more likely to choose vaccination."

On Friday, CDC reported 2,566 confirmed measles cases so far this year, 101 more than the previous week's tally and already exceeding the 2,289 cases recorded during all of 2025. Ninety-three percent of the cases were in people who were unvaccinated or whose vaccination status was unknown.

CDC made no mention of the record increase in exemptions in a statement accompanying Monday's data, and stopped short of directly encouraging parents to vaccinate their children. Instead, CDC said that it "continues to encourage parents to discuss vaccination options with their doctors."

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President Donald Trump and Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. want major changes to the childhood immunization schedule.

If parents are worried about what shots their children need for school, they should keep in mind that states, not the federal government, generally set vaccination requirements for school attendance, public health experts say. As of Aug. 11, 30 states had announced that they are no longer relying solely on federal guidelines for their own childhood vaccine recommendations, according to KFF, a health policy organization. Many state health departments have said they will rely on external expert groups such as the American Academy of Pediatrics instead.

Decades of research involving millions of children have established the safety and effectiveness of the MMR vaccine. Two doses of the vaccine are about 97 percent effective in preventing measles, which can result in serious complications, including pneumonia, swelling of the brain and, in rare cases, death from respiratory and neurological complications, according to CDC. Extensive research has found no link between MMR vaccination and autism.

The White House has said its proposed changes to the immunization schedule, which also call for reducing the number of universally recommended vaccines, are designed to align the United States with its peer nations. But peer nations like Denmark, Australia and Canada give MMR immunizations in a combination vaccine. Britain this year began replacing the MMR shot with a four-in-one vaccine that also protects against chicken pox.

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana) blasted Trump's overhaul of the childhood vaccine schedule Sunday, saying it will raise costs for patients and make vaccines less accessible. Trump has defended the move as sparing children from the combination MMR vaccine, which he said was "sort of like a nuclear weapon."

"Now instead of your child getting two shots, she has to get six shots," Cassidy said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "Instead of … you missing work to take your child to the doctor two times, you're doing it six times. And instead of the insurance company paying for two visits, it's now paying for six visits."

The collision between the White House's vaccine agenda and the scientific guidance of the agency charged with carrying it out also presents an immediate test for Erica Schwartz, who began work as CDC director last week.

During Schwartz's confirmation process, senators repeatedly pressed her on whether she would defend scientific evidence if Kennedy or other administration officials sought changes unsupported by it. Cassidy ultimately supported her nomination after initially expressing concerns, saying after additional conversations that he was confident Schwartz "knows what she is doing and will stand against those who do not."

Even though CDC is responsible for federal vaccine policy following recommendations from its independent vaccine advisory committee, scientists at the agency said they did not know that the executive order was coming, and officials are unsure of what it means for the agency.

The White House is calling for Kennedy's Department of Health and Human Services Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines to craft proposed changes within 90 days. The long-defunct panel was revived last year after a push from anti-vaccine activists. That task force makes recommendations that aim to improve vaccine safety, not to determine the optimal vaccine schedule, public health law experts have said.

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Things people get wrong about postpartum psychosis

The condition has long been stigmatized and poorly understood

BY ERICA SLOAN

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At the center of the high-profile trial of Lindsay Clancy, a Massachusetts mother facing a first-degree murder charge in the deaths of her three children, is a lesser-known perinatal mental health disorder: postpartum psychosis. Clancy's defense has argued that she should not be held criminally responsible because she was experiencing the condition at the time of their deaths.

Postpartum psychosis is often misunderstood, said Uruj Kamal Haider, medical director of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Program for Moms and assistant professor of psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology at UMass Chan Medical School. The symptoms can vary from person to person and may not be readily apparent to the people around them, though they often include hallucinations — hearing voices or seeing things that aren't there — as well as delusions, confusion and paranoia. For instance, a person may become deluded that harming themselves or their child is what's best for the greater good.

"This is not a flaw of the character," Haider said. "This is a medical illness."

Perhaps contributing to the poor awareness of postpartum psychosis is the fact that it is not included in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), the reference book of diagnoses for mental health clinicians. Instead, people may be officially diagnosed with a listed condition such as brief psychotic disorder or bipolar disorder with the addition of the words "with peripartum onset." Many maternal health experts are pushing for postpartum psychosis to be added to the DSM.

Postpartum psychosis is rare, estimated to affect 1 to 2 per 1,000 women after childbirth — which makes it difficult to study. (Postpartum depression, on the other hand, affects 1 in 7 women post-birth.) One major risk factor for postpartum psychosis is a prior diagnosis of bipolar disorder, which raises risk by 20 to 30 percent, Haider said.

But at least half of people with postpartum psychosis have no history of mental illness. Many women "have normal baselines and then have this episode in the context of [triggers] that we think include big hormonal changes and sleep deprivation," said Sarah Oreck, a reproductive psychiatrist and founder of the maternal mental health platform Mavida Health.

Experts consider it a psychiatric emergency requiring inpatient treatment, meaning hospitalization is often necessary. The onset can be rapid, typically occurring within the first days to two weeks after childbirth (though symptoms can also arise several weeks later).

We asked experts to share the three most common misunderstandings they've encountered about postpartum psychosis and what to know about how the condition manifests.

Misconception: People with postpartum psychosis experience a consistent or obvious break from reality.

There's a dangerous misunderstanding that a person "has to be hallucinating that aliens are stealing her baby or hearing a voice telling her to throw her baby over a bridge to qualify for postpartum psychosis," Haider said. "But in fact, the condition is a spectrum." It often starts with quieter symptoms: "pink flags that come before the red flags," she said.

Initially, patients tend to just feel like something is "off" with them and they're not themselves, Haider said. The earliest signs include hypervigilance and some degree of confusion, which may be easy to brush off as the effects of new motherhood. It's also common to experience mood changes before any kind of psychosis sets in. These generally resemble a mix of manic episodes — for instance, "a mother having increased energy on very little sleep," Haider said — and depressive episodes, which can be intermittent or may not seem especially alarming.

Even when psychotic symptoms emerge, they can wax and wane, Oreck said, "so, sometimes, people can have a functional conversation, and then be swept up into their delusional content or their paranoia" shortly thereafter. Women with the condition generally lack insight into what's happening, Oreck said, so they may not be able to reliably communicate how they feel if asked.

Those with postpartum psychosis could also be easily agitated or disorganized in their thinking, Oreck added, and some may feel the need to conceal their delusions for fear of being judged — all of which can make it tougher for their loved ones to identify what's going on too.

Misconception: Postpartum psychosis is the same thing as having intrusive thoughts as a new mother.

The truth is that occasional intrusive thoughts are common and normal in the postpartum phase. "We think they happen because the amygdala, which is the alarm system of the brain, gets bigger during pregnancy," Oreck said. It's a natural adaptation designed to ensure you keep your baby safe. She offered an example: If you see a knife, you might have a scary image of hurting your baby. Not because you *want* to hurt your baby, but because your brain is keenly aware of the safety risk.

A constant flurry of these thoughts can be a feature of anxiety or obsessive compulsive disorder arising in the wake of childbirth — both of which commonly overlap with postpartum depression — but it does not indicate postpartum psychosis because of a clear distinction: how these thoughts make you feel. Intrusive thoughts feel horrifying and reflect something that ultimately these women would never want to do or experience, Oreck said. By contrast, the delusions of postpartum psychosis align with what a person feels is right, because they've had a break from reality. "For example, a mother might think that if they *don't* harm their child, then that child will kill everyone on the planet," Oreck explained.

"A lot of times in postpartum psychosis, we see delusions that are altruistic in nature," Haider said. "The mom may actually believe the world is better off without her baby or that she should hurt the baby in an effort to protect them."

Misconception: Women with postpartum psychosis pose a long-term threat to their children, families or themselves.

Cases like Clancy's can make it seem as if postpartum psychosis is an inherently violent condition. In reality, the vast majority of cases do not involve harm, Oreck said. Research suggests untreated postpartum psychosis carries a 4 percent risk of infanticide.

Swift medical intervention, including inpatient care, can also resolve symptoms in 98 percent of women, according to a 2015 study. Almost all women who get the right treatment can fully recover, and most do not go on to deal with future psychotic symptoms, Oreck said.

A typical medication protocol for postpartum psychosis includes a benzodiazepine (to slow down the central nervous system), an antipsychotic and a mood stabilizer like lithium, both Haider and Oreck said. The first two categories of drugs are generally used to address acute agitation and psychotic symptoms and are then tapered off, and lithium is the main maintenance medication that people may stay on for several months or longer.

Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) — which involves passing a current through the brain under anesthesia — is also an option, Haider said, and may be used in women with the condition who are catatonic (displaying little-to-no reactivity or movement) or having thoughts of suicide, as well as in those who are nursing and want to avoid the risk of passing certain psychiatric medications along to their infant via breast milk.

The key point, Haider said, "is that a lot of these women, with timely and prompt treatment, can go on to have perfectly normal and healthy lives with their families."

A silver lining of the Clancy trial's widespread publicity is the opportunity it's provided for education on postpartum psychosis, Oreck said. If more people are aware, it raises the chance that family and friends will be able to better identify when a new mother needs help.

"The sooner we connect at-risk women to care," Haider said, "the sooner we can get them the treatment they need and the better the outcomes for society."

If you or someone you know needs help, the national suicide and crisis lifeline in the U.S. is available by calling or texting 988. If you're struggling with a perinatal mood or anxiety disorder, contact the Postpartum Support International helpline at 1-800-944-4773.

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The guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold arrives at port in Qingdao, China, in 2016.

U.S. Navy destroyer lost power for four days in South China Sea

Sailors went without drinkable water, running toilets

BY TARA COPP

A U.S. Navy destroyer experienced a complete loss of power while deployed in the South China Sea last month, leaving sailors without drinkable water, meals, running toilets or air conditioning for four days.

The USS Benfold was sailing with the George Washington carrier strike group July 24 when an "engineering casualty involving its generators" caused a complete loss of power aboard the ship, a U.S. 7th Fleet spokesman, Cmdr. Matthew Comer, said in a statement.

The Navy did not immediately address questions about why it did not disclose the incident until now.

The ship's power outage is another setback for the Navy, which has come under considerable strain during the Trump administration's military campaigns in Latin America and the Middle East. Both operations have required U.S. commanders to extend some warships past the planned length of their deployments and maintenance schedules.

Other ships traveling in the carrier strike group, including the cruiser USS Robert Smalls, helped provide meals to the Benfold as the ship was towed into port in the Philippines. Once there, the crew was provided contracted housing and meals off the ship, Comer said.

"There were no injuries to the crew, who demonstrated resilience, grit, professionalism and unwavering steadiness," Comer said.

Power was restored to the ship July 30, and it resumed operations a week later, the Navy said. It was not clear if the Benfold remained with the George Washington strike group or sailed back to its home port in Japan.

The setback to the Benfold was reported earlier by USNI News.

The USS George Washington is headed for the Middle East to relieve the USS Abraham Lincoln, another aircraft carrier. The Lincoln has been a focus of recent news reports documenting poor crew morale, along with food and sanitation issues, after more than 200 days at sea.

The Trump administration has leaned heavily on the Navy over the last year to execute the president's national security priorities.

A host of warships were deployed to the Caribbean last fall, when U.S. forces opened a military campaign against the Latin American drug trade and later staged a dramatic operation to capture Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. To support those missions, the Navy sent more than a dozen ships to carry out a blockade of Venezuela and conduct strikes against vessels suspected of transporting narcotics.

In the Middle East, dozens of warships have been used to prosecute the Trump administration's war against Iran and enforce a blockade of Iranian ports as peace talks between Washington and Tehran remain stalled.

The Pentagon's reliance on the Navy is taking a toll as needed maintenance for the vessels is deferred.

Two of the aircraft carriers that have seen record deployments in the Middle East have experienced issues.

The USS Gerald R. Ford experienced a fire and a breakdown of its toilet systems before it was sent home to Norfolk in May after more than 300 days deployed. The Lincoln just received a visit from the head of U.S. Central Command, Adm. Brad Cooper, after reports that crew members were struggling amid its prolonged time at sea.

Rep. Gomez of Calif. faces inquiry over sexual misconduct allegations

BY ANNA LISS-ROY

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Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-California), seen in 2023, said he will cooperate with the House Ethics Committee's investigation.

The House Ethics Committee announced Monday that it has opened an investigation into Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-California) over sexual misconduct allegations.

In a statement, the Ethics Committee — which is made up of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans — said that it is reviewing allegations that Gomez "may have engaged in sexual misconduct," including "engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a House staffer," in violation of House rules. The panel noted its investigation "does not itself indicate that any violation [of House rules] has occurred."

In a statement Monday, Gomez acknowledged he had "made personal mistakes outside my marriage" and said he will cooperate with the investigation.

"Although my actions were consensual in nature and haven't violated the law or House Ethics rules, that doesn't diminish the impact that these mistakes have made on those I care about the most. … I am deeply sorry to my wife for the pain and embarrassment that I have brought into our lives," Gomez said.

CNN first reported in June that the committee was investigating Gomez over allegations of sexual misconduct.

Gomez, 51, is facing a reelection challenge from Democrat Angela Gonzales-Torres as he seeks a sixth term in Congress. In California's open primaries, the top two finishers advance to the general election regardless of party. Gomez represents the state's 34th District in the Los Angeles area.

The Ethics Committee's announcement is the latest development in a recent string of House controversies. The panel said earlier this month it is investigating allegations that Rep. Max Miller (R-Ohio) engaged in domestic violence and illegal drug use after Miller's ex-wife accused him of physically abusing her and their daughter.

"I have absolutely nothing to hide. We will be providing the committee all necessary documents needed for a detail examination," Miller wrote on X ahead of the committee's announcement.

Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-North Carolina) said he was dropping his reelection bid early this month, after the Ethics Committee recommended censuring him in a report that described "persistent unprofessional and inappropriate conduct" toward two young female staffers.

Edwards said none of his conduct was intended to be a sexual or romantic advance; however, his behavior patterns "would lead a reasonable observer to interpret it as such," the committee found.

This spring, when sexual misconduct allegations emerged involving another California Democrat — then-Rep. Eric Swalwell, who was running for governor — Gomez resigned as Swalwell's campaign co-chair and called for his colleague to drop out. Gomez described the allegations as "the ugliest and most serious accusations imaginable" and called for "full accountability without doubt, distraction, or delay."

In April, Swalwell and Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Texas) resigned from Congress ahead of possible expulsion votes related to allegations of sexual misconduct. Swalwell denied an accusation of sexual assault but acknowledged some past "mistakes in judgment." Gonzales acknowledged an affair with a former member of his staff, a violation of House rules.

The slew of high-profile investigations, resignations and dropped election bids has triggered a reckoning about the way Congress polices lawmakers' behavior. In May, the House launched a bipartisan push to combat sexual misconduct. A group of Republican and Democratic lawmakers is expected to announce reforms to House policies when Congress returns from recess.

Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández (New Mexico), chairwoman of the Democratic Women's Caucus, previously said potential changes could include speeding up the process for reporting sexual assault and increasing education and training resources.

New Florida maps set up a battle of racial representation versus experience

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ward County for more than 30 years in government.

She has spent most of that time in Washington, where over 11 terms she gained an influential spot on the Appropriations Committee — and served a controversial stint as chair of the Democratic National Committee.

On weekends and holidays, though, she became a fixture at events like this Fourth of July concert, where she whizzed through carnival booths and lawn chairs faster than the cover band onstage could shuffle through its set list.

"Man, she is just phenomenal," said Stacey Toppin, 54, who grabbed a selfie with the congresswoman in the crowd. "I always, always see her out in the community."

The area's representation in Congress is bound to change no matter what.

The new maps pushed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis redrew the lines in Broward, a diverse, populous area that includes Fort Lauderdale, to give his party much more of an edge.

Two congressional districts anchored in Broward keep small slices of this deep-blue county — including Wasserman Schultz's home base in the city of Weston — while taking in more conservative areas to the south and west.

The other districts, however, remain easy holds for Democrats, even though their boundaries changed.

Where some saw an opportunity for Wasserman Schultz to fight back in a district designed to favor a Republican, she saw it differently.

In late May, she announced she would be running in one of the safe blue districts, which had been left without an incumbent after then-Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D) resigned amid federal money-laundering charges.

Cherfilus-McCormick had already announced she would be seeking the seat again. The ballot also includes progressive activist Elijah Manley, former county mayor Holness and rapper Luther Campbell, also known as "Uncle Luke."

Wasserman Schultz said she spoke with dozens of Broward leaders in making her decision. Her long tenure and spot in Democratic leadership, she determined, were too important to risk losing.

"You want to make sure that you have someone who knows the communities and knows their values, who has delivered for them and knows how to fight for them," she said in an interview, adding, "Lived experience is important, and [so is] experience in Congress."

Yet, plenty of Democrats in and outside Florida are taking a different stance. Some pointed out to her directly that she would be the first non-Black representative to fill the seat since its creation in the early 1990s.

Ten of the state's 15 elected Democratic National Committee members signed a statement saying that Wasserman Schultz was "treating one of Florida's few remaining majority-Black districts as a political opportunity."

House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-New York) declined to endorse her, citing "the sensitivities of the moment in terms of an unprecedented Jim Crow-like assault on Black political representation."

And Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D-New York), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, put it more diplomatically. "We had a conversation," she said. "Encouragement was not a part of that conversation."

Wasserman Schultz said "the primary playing out on Twitter" was different than the mood on the ground.

The criticism, she said, did not reflect how her constituents felt — including a far warmer reception at the holiday celebration in an arena parking lot.

Rose Dawes, a 63-year-old in a Jamaican flag shirt, leaped out of her lawn chair to greet Wasserman Schultz. "Thank you for your service," she told the congresswoman, "because you've been in office for a long time."

A few tents away, Amrita Balroop nodded as the congresswoman recounted her unannounced oversight visit earlier that week to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility nearby.

An assistant principal, Balroop said she has seen how a heightened ICE presence has spooked some students from coming to school.

"It matters that she's been standing up for a big issue," Balroop said after. "We need someone who can navigate that well. … In my mind, experience trumps color."

But others were left with a different feeling.

The following day, Wasserman Schultz attended a Sunday service at a large Black Baptist church in Fort Lauderdale, where she and other candidates briefly greeted the congregation.

Von Howard, 47, walked out undecided. Going down the list of candidates, he had hesitations about each of them — Wasserman Schultz included.

"It's not like she's new to our community," he said. "But I'm not sure she has the voice to speak for our community."

Clara Ence Morse in Washington contributed to this report.

JULY 4
CELEBRATION

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Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida) takes the stage at a Fourth of July celebration in Sunrise, Florida. She is seeking a 12th term but running in a redrawn district.

> *"She's been an ally, but suddenly it's feeling more like she's using the familiarity she's built against us. … With the landscape of all that, somebody who says they're our friend decides: 'Hey, I'm in trouble, and I'm going to take yours.'"*
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> **Corey Shearer,** president of Broward's Black Democratic Caucus, speaking about Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Crowds gather for the city of Sunrise's Fourth of July celebration, which featured bands, food trucks and fireworks. Wasserman Schultz has become a fixture at such events on weekends and holidays.

SUNRISE
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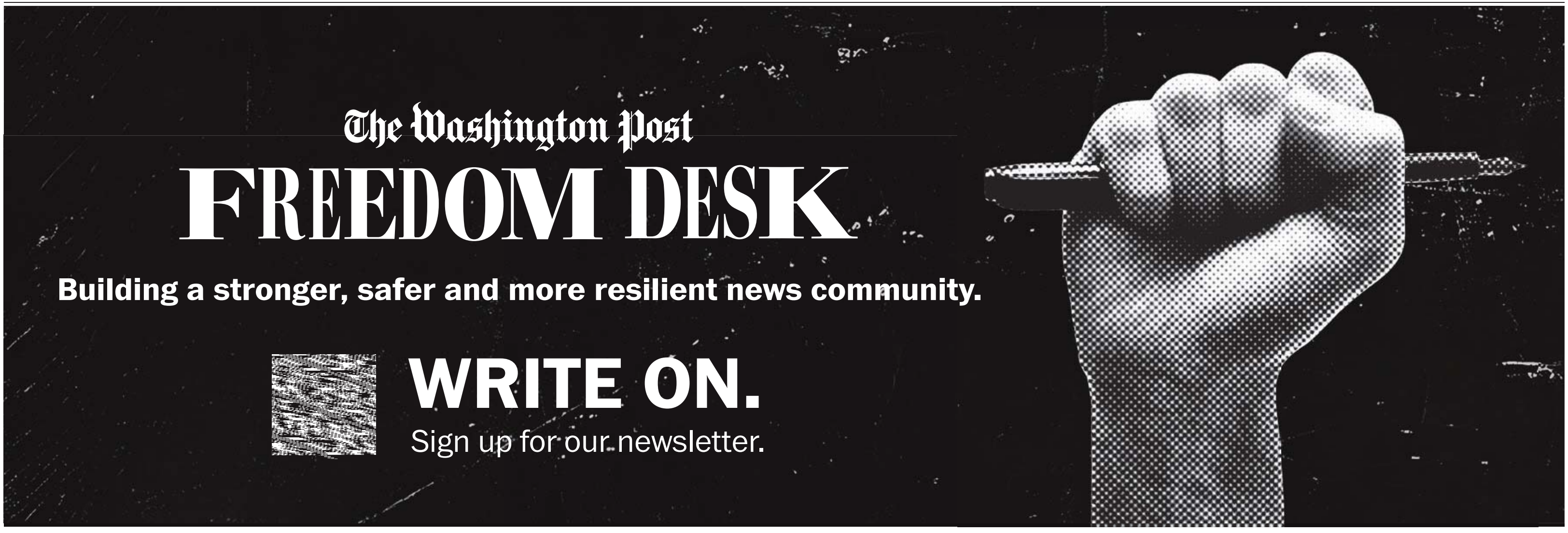
Wasserman Schultz poses for photos at the event. Her primary race shows the often thorny trade-offs Democrats face as the GOP has sought to redraw maps and eliminate deep-blue seats in Congress.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Number of ultrarich in Trump administration balloons

57 officials are worth at least $100 million, a new report finds

BY **THOMAS BEAUMONT**
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From left, Small Business Administration Administrator Kelly Loeffler, Education Secretary Linda McMahon and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent. All three are among the 57 administration officials worth at least $100 million, according to Public Citizen.

Wealth, perhaps second only to loyalty, has been a prized attribute for Donald Trump during his second presidency.

The number of people worth at least $100 million whom the Republican president has appointed to his administration is more than four times the combined total under the three previous presidents, according to a report from the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen.

It's the numbers for the Trump administration, in the context of previous administrations, that stand out in Public Citizen's report, published Monday.

In all, 57 Trump officials are worth at least $100 million, including 17 ambassadors and the remaining 40 in senior posts across the executive branch.

Look no further than Trump's Cabinet. Eight of its 23 members fit the category, notably Treasury Secretary Howard Lutnick and Education Secretary Linda McMahon, both billionaires.

The president, himself a billionaire, has described his inclination toward appointing the ultrawealthy as deference to financial success. And yet, Trump, who owes his White House comeback to support from middle-income, working Americans drawn to his pledge to lower everyday costs, now faces a midterm elections electorate decidedly less keen on his handling of the economy.

Presidents have long sought counsel from the nation's wealthiest people and tapped some for high-profile administrative leadership roles. Likewise, presidents routinely reward wealthy and influential supporters with ambassadorships.

Among the most notable examples is Andrew Mellon, the aluminum, oil and banking tycoon who was among the handful of the nation's wealthiest people in the 1920s and served as treasury secretary for three presidents.

The Trump officials worth at least $100 million include Deputy Secretary of Defense Stephen Feinberg and Small Business Administration Administrator Kelly Loeffler, who are also billionaires, and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and special envoy Steve Witkoff, both worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

ALEX BRANDON/AP

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick is one of eight members of President Donald Trump's Cabinet worth at least $100 million.

By comparison, Republican George W. Bush's administration and Democrat Joe Biden's each included five members worth $100 million or more. Democrat Barack Obama's included three, the report says.

A government populated by so many of the economic elite presents potential problems, the report's authors said.

"When the people holding the reins of government are drawn overwhelmingly from the ranks of the ultrarich, it leads to misplaced incentives and corruption, and begs the question, 'Whose interests they are truly serving?'" said Lisa Gilbert, Public Citizen's co-president.

The list does not include Trump, whose net worth Forbes estimates at more than $6 billion. Nor does it include space and social media giant Elon Musk, who advised Trump last year on an effort to reduce the federal government's size, scope and workforce and is the world's wealthiest person, with a net worth Forbes estimates at about $860 billion.

Trump's views are well established: Financial success is evidence of executive mastery and negotiating strength.

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> **Lisa Gilbert,** Public Citizen co-president

"They have great competence, those people. Incredible competence. Some of the smartest business leaders," Trump said last year in explaining why he put considerable weight on advice from business executives.

He has also pointed to investments by wealthy people as a signal of future economic growth. To encourage billionaires to deliver, Trump, in his first year back in the White House, pursued policies on artificial intelligence and financial regulation that could benefit wealthy people, along with tax cuts and reduced regulatory burdens for large-scale investments.

Still, last month, only 32 percent of U.S. adults approved of Trump's handling of the economy, down from 40 percent at the beginning of his second term and as his Republican Party faces headwinds in its attempt to hold both majorities in Congress in November.

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This chef's bakery stand was stolen from her yard. Strangers made her a new one.

A father and son spent 12 hours rebuilding the stand from scratch, trying to match it as closely as they could to the one that had been taken

BY **SYDNEY PAGE**

Pastry chef Katrina Blancaflor had worked in restaurants for years, but recently changed career paths and decided to open a home bakery selling bread.

Her husband toiled for weeks building her a bakery stand so she could sell her loaves from the end of their driveway in Cumberland, Rhode Island. He made it out of wood with a metal roof and two shelves to display baked goods.

Last month, Blancaflor planned to spend the day handing out free slices of her homemade sourdough and promoting her bakery, K's Bakestand. Instead, she woke up that morning, July 4, to find the 3-by-6-foot stand gone.

"I never expected anybody to take an entire stand," said Blancaflor, who lives with her husband and two children. "We couldn't believe it."

She filed a police report and posted about the missing stand on Facebook.

"We are heartbroken. Last night, someone took our newly built sourdough farmstand from our property," Blancaflor wrote in a Facebook post. "If you live in the area and have road-facing security cameras, or if you saw a vehicle loading a wooden shed/stand last night, please check your footage and reach out to me."

> *"At first I wasn't sure if I should believe it. ... We didn't even know them. It was really so nice of them."*
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> **Katrina Blancaflor,** on her reaction to John and Casey Adams's offer to rebuild her bakery stand

"If it was an honest mistake and you thought it was free, please bring it back," she continued. "We just want it home so we can open up as planned."

Blancaflor has long been baking bread at home, and began noticing farm stands popping up around her. She decided she wanted to try her hand at opening her own small business.

While her husband built the stand, Blancaflor began taking preorders twice a week for sourdough loaves, a softer sandwich-style loaf and seasonal baked goods.

Her plan was to open the bakery stand on the Fourth of July, timed to the town foot race that runs past their house each year.

"I figured it would be good visibility for people to see the stand," she said. "We put it out there the afternoon of the 3rd."

Blancaflor's 9-year-old daughter, Kalia, was hoping to sell some of her crafts at the stand, too.

COURTESY OF KATRINA BLANCAFLOR

John Adams, Casey Adams and Katrina Blancaflor next to the bakery stand the Adamses built after Blancaflor's original stand was stolen.

KATRINA BLANCAFLOR

Blancaflor and her daughter, Kalia, at a makeshift stand for preorders before the original bakery stand was built.

KATRINA BLANCAFLOR

Blancaflor, a trained pastry chef, recently opened a home bakery. She repaid the Adamses for their kindness with baked bread.

"She made a bunch of her squishies the night before the stand was stolen, so she was bummed," Blancaflor said.

Blancaflor intended to install a camera once her baked goods were inside the stand, she said. It hadn't occurred to her that someone might steal the stand itself.

Blancaflor's Facebook post spread quickly through the community. Multiple neighbors sent her camera footage of someone loading the bakery stand on top of a vehicle around 2 a.m. and driving off with it.

The theft was picked up by a local newspaper.

"There were so many people that were very supportive," Blancaflor said. "The town really came together."

John Adams, who runs a local construction company with his son, saw the post and was troubled by it.

"It was disturbing," Adams said.

He spoke to his son, Casey Adams, and they agreed they wanted to rebuild the stand for Blancaflor, whom they had never met.

"We just thought it was the right thing to do," said Adams, 32.

They reached out to Blancaflor on Facebook with their offer. She said she was stunned.

"At first I wasn't sure if I should believe it. ... We didn't even know them," she said. "It was really so nice of them."

She waited two more weeks, hoping the original stand would turn up. When it didn't, she took the Adamses up on their offer.

Working from Blancaflor's husband's original sketches and measurements, the father and son spent 12 hours rebuilding the stand from scratch, trying to match it as closely as they could to the one that had been stolen — down to the same style of orange wheels.

"We re-created it as best as possible and I think we did a pretty good job," John Adams said.

They delivered the finished stand on July 25. Blancaflor was floored by how similar it was to the original.

"I was so surprised," she said. "It was really amazing. ... They did such a good job."

K's Bakestand officially opened on Aug. 8, and the new stand is bolted to the ground and has a camera. It has so far been a success.

"I pretty much sold out of everything," Blancaflor said.

The Adamses refused to take money for their work or the materials. The only payment they accepted was bread.

"I've been giving them bread every week and I told them I'm going to give them bread forever," Blancaflor said.

The Adamses said the bread was a sweet bonus.

"We're just trying to do our part in the world," Casey Adams said.

"It's simple," his father added. "Pass it on."

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THE WORLD

Iran war could threaten education for millions of kids

Ripple effect is falling hardest on the poorest families around the world

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A teacher addresses students at a school in one of the floating villages of Cambodia's Tonle Sap Lake in June.

For families already living on the edge, the war's ripple effects are forcing difficult choices: whether to pay for food, fuel, rent and electricity, or keep every child in school.

Sou Sreynich, 13, collects firewood with her family near their home on Cambodia's Tonle Sap Lake in June. When money is tight, she skips a day or two of school to work alongside her parents.

KAMPONG PRAHOK, CAMBODIA — Sou Sreynich dreams of becoming a teacher. But she knows she's far behind.

The 13-year-old first entered a classroom at 10, an age when most Cambodian children already have been in school for years. Her mother waited until she was old enough to swim, fearing the boat to school could capsize — a decision familiar to many parents on Cambodia's Tonle Sap, the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia.

Now, the price of gasoline has spiked because of the Iran war, an additional burden. Unlike outright school closures during covid-19, the Iran war's impact on education is less visible. But it is falling first and hardest on the poorest families. Soaring fuel prices are making it more expensive for children and teachers to get to school, and for governments to fund education as national budgets come under strain.

On the lake, getting anywhere has always meant navigating the water. Climate change is making it harder, with increasingly unpredictable floods and droughts. Teachers at her school say 10 students have drowned over the years.

If the war continues, it could push up to 23.4 million more children like Sreynich into poverty by the end of the year, according to a recent United Nations Children's Fund report. About 80 percent of those children would be in Africa and Asia.

Most mornings, a gas-powered boat chugs through Kampong Prahok, steered by students often no older than those climbing aboard. They pull up alongside floating homes, as peers in crisp uniforms clamber aboard, careful to keep their backpacks dry.

Like most on Tonle Sap, Sreynich's family relies on fishing to survive. They earn some money picking chile peppers and gutting fish for others. Rising fuel prices because of the Iran war mean the family can't afford to travel to deeper waters where fish are more plentiful.

When money is tight, Sreynich skips a day or two of school to work alongside her parents. She dreads every absence. "I want to complete my studies," she said.

For families already living on the edge, the war's ripple effects are forcing difficult choices: whether to pay for food, fuel, rent and electricity, or keep every child in school.

"The Iran war is likely going to force millions of children out of school and could force millions of children to make the decision not to enroll in the first place," said Sabrina Hervey of the Qatar-based Education Above All Foundation.

Some children in Southeast Asia are dropping out of school to work.

Ly, 16, and her sister Nhi, 13, two of nine children from a fishing family on Vietnam's rocky northern coast, have long drifted in and out of school as the family struggled to make ends meet.

They are identified by their first names only because of Vietnamese laws protecting vulnerable minors.

Their father lost his fishing job after the war pushed diesel prices so high that boat owners could not afford to go out to sea. Already burdened by debt, the family was surviving on his odd jobs. It wasn't enough to keep all nine children fed and in school.

The girls dropped out of school and moved to Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, to work long hours in a restaurant, where they were exposed to sharp tools, hot surfaces and heavy lifting.

For 13-year-old Nhi it was also illegal because of child labor laws.

In April, the Hanoi-based nonprofit Blue Dragon Children's Foundation intervened and the two returned to school.

The war's impact has unfolded slowly but is devastating, said Michael Brosowski with the foundation.

When families reach a financial breaking point, they tend to go into triage — keeping some children enrolled while pulling others out to work, he said. The children not in school are far more vulnerable to exploitation, trafficking and homelessness.

"It's the tipping point for a lot of families," Brosowski said.

Higher fuel prices are driving up costs of nearly every part of education, from getting students and teachers to school to stocking classrooms with pencils and chalk. It's more expensive for teachers and aid workers to reach remote communities. Governments are also grappling with rising food and energy bills, leaving less money for education.

In Cambodia, everything already costs more on Tonle Sap since supplies have to be brought in by boat.

"Even the electricity to run this lab is 10 times higher," said Samphors Vorn of the nonprofit Aide et Action, which supports the school.

Developing countries reliant on imported energy have been the most exposed to disruptions from the war. Rising fertilizer costs and falling remittances also are straining these smaller economies.

The war is threatening years of progress in education and poverty reduction in Bangladesh, whose economy already was under strain.

Pressure on the government's finances, driven by rising costs for fuel and subsidies, could leave it with less money to spend on health care and education, warned a report by the U.N. Development Program.

In some South Asian nations, girls are likely to be affected more because families tend to prioritize sons, said Arshad Malik of the nonprofit Save the Children International. Economic hardships could mean more girls dropping out of school and an increase in child marriages, he said.

South Asia accounts for 45 percent of the world's child brides, the highest share of any region, according to UNICEF.

More than 466 million children worldwide receive at least one meal a day at school, according to the U.N. World Food Program. These meals help keep children in school, improve their ability to learn and concentrate, and support healthy brain development.

Such programs also could come under pressure as the conflict disrupts fertilizer shipments and raises transport costs, especially in countries in West and Central Africa that rely heavily on imported food, said Hervey, with Education Above All.

Across northern Nigeria, it is becoming more common for children to relapse into malnutrition, according to local health and aid workers.

"I'm really afraid to see what's going to happen," Hervey said.

DIGEST

ASIA

Torrential rains hit S. Korea, Philippines

Torrential rains have pounded southern South Korea, leaving one person dead and four others injured, officials said Monday.

One person died in a landslide that struck an apartment building in the southern city of Geoje, the Interior and Safety Ministry said in a report. It said two people were injured in Geoje and two others in nearby cities.

The heavy rains that have pummeled southern South Korea since Saturday have forced about 390 people to evacuate to safe places and caused power outages at about 3,580 houses, the ministry report said.

In the Philippines, heavy monsoon rains flooded key streets and snarled traffic early Monday in the densely populated region of metropolitan Manila and a dozen outlying provinces, forcing the government to suspend government work and cancel classes starting at noon. Schools were asked to shift to online learning.

About three weeks of intermittent monsoon rains and a storm that lashed the main northern island region of Luzon two weeks ago left at least 23 people dead, mostly due to landslides and floods, and affected 5 million people, including nearly 25,000, who remained in government emergency shelters Monday in several northern provinces, according to the Office of Civil Defense.

Among the dead were 10 people, including children, whose houses were buried by an Aug. 9 landslide in the northern city of Baguio. Three others were dug out alive with injuries by rescuers, officials said.

— *Associated Press*

UKRAINE

Russia targets energy firm in latest attack

Russia attacked facilities of Ukraine's Naftogaz Group 13 times over the past week and has targeted its premises almost 300 times since the start of the year, the state energy company said Monday.

Russian drones and missiles struck facilities in several regions of the country, with one asset hit multiple times during the week, Naftogaz said, reporting serious damage to equipment and production capacity. No employees were hurt in the attacks, the company said.

DTEK Group, a coal mining and power production company which says it is the largest private investor in Ukraine's energy sector, also said a Russian attack started a fire at one of its mines, killing a 52-year-old man.

Ukrainian long-range attacks on Russia killed seven people, while five civilians died in Ukraine after strikes by Moscow's forces, officials said Monday as they collated overnight attacks.

With the Russian capital now within range of Ukrainian drones that regularly attack the region, organizers canceled a large military music festival due to be held on central Moscow's Red Square from Friday.

Russia has exploited Ukraine's severe shortage of U.S.-made Patriot air defense interceptors, which are the only way of countering ballistic missiles.

But Kyiv is swiftly innovating, with Ukraine now developing its own ballistic missile to hit back at Russia and working with European countries on developing more anti-ballistic air defenses.

— *Associated Press*

LEBANON

Flags are in violation of U.N. resolution

Israeli flags planted on a main coastal highway in southern Lebanon are a violation of a U.N. Security Council resolution, the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon said Monday, urging all sides to avoid "provocative actions."

Israel's military invaded a swathe of southern Lebanon during a war with Hezbollah earlier this year, establishing a self-declared security zone it says aims to shield northern Israel from attacks by the Iran-backed group.

A video posted Sunday by Israel's Channel 12 news journalist Amit Segal showed Israeli flags flying along the Naqoura-Tyre coastal road, a primary artery for southern Lebanon and a route used by the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The footage appeared to have been taken from a military vehicle.

Ardiel said the Israeli flags were a violation of U.N. Security Council resolution 1701, which ended a 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah.

Israel's military, in response to a request for comment, said that its forces were "operating in southern Lebanon with the aim of removing threats posed by the Hezbollah terrorist organization to Israeli civilians and IDF troops, in accordance with international law."

There was no immediate comment from the Lebanese army.

— *Reuters*

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham exchanged messages with an impostor posing as President Donald Trump's chief of staff, according to reports published Monday. A spokesperson for Burnham declined to comment, saying it was policy not to discuss "national security matters." Politico cited four unnamed officials in first reporting that Burnham thought he was messaging with Susie Wiles before he became suspicious and cut off communications.

Three people were killed in a helicopter crash on the Greek island of Sifnos, fire brigade officials said. The helicopter crashed shortly after taking off, killing the pilot and two passengers, the officials said. The cause of the crash is not yet known.

An American tourist was killed by a lightning strike on Sicily's Mount Etna while hiking Europe's largest volcano following a period of intense activity, Italian firefighters said. The 29-year-old man from Kansas was rescued by helicopter after being struck Sunday. He was later declared dead by medical personnel. His name was not released.

Britain's Princess Eugenie has named her first daughter Adelaide Elizabeth Annina, she said. The 6-pound, 9-ounce girl born Aug. 3 in Lisbon is the third child of Eugenie and husband Jack Brooksbank. Eugenie is the younger daughter of the former Prince Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson.

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Kushner, Netanyahu make little progress on advancing an agreement on Gaza

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The Israelis are "going to give us some space over the next few weeks to see if we can get this disarmament process … fast-tracked, move forward and give it a chance," the Board of Peace official said.

The official pointed to a planned humanitarian housing project in southern Gaza for about 50,000 Palestinians that would serve as a trial initiative to clear a small zone of Hamas and its weapons, allowing Israeli forces to pull back.

The 15-point plan, touted as a breakthrough by Trump in late July, called for Israeli forces to withdraw in concert with Hamas disarmament.

But hopes of implementing the peace plan were brought to a standstill a few days later, when Netanyahu — in a stark break with Washington — said that the timing was unacceptable and that Israel would not withdraw until all Hamas weapons were gone.

For its part, Hamas has demanded that Israel cease all military attacks, which have killed more than 1,000 Gazans since the ceasefire began in October, as a "first step" toward disarmament.

Israel contends that its strikes, which also have killed civilians, are permitted under Trump's original peace plan as self-defense against imminent attacks from Hamas.

In the coming weeks, the Board of Peace will establish a commission to determine whether Israeli attacks comply with the original restrictions on responding to "imminent" threats, according to the Board of Peace official.

During the meeting, the two sides also agreed on establishing working groups on disarmament and demilitarization of Gaza and another to focus on sanitation, clean water and other public health issues for the people of Gaza, the Board of Peace said in its statement.

Kushner was joined by the group's director, Nickolay Mladenov, and former British prime minister Tony Blair, a member of the body's executive board.

The Board of Peace was set up in the aftermath of the 2025 ceasefire deal to release the remaining hostages that Hamas seized during the Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

On Sunday, Kushner held rare talks with a Hamas delegation in Egypt seeking to advance the stalled Gaza peace deal. The meeting was with Khalil al-Hayya, the group's new leader, the Associated Press reported.

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Jared Kushner, shown at the State of the Union address in February, also met with Hamas's leader over the weekend during his Middle East trip.

A Hamas official told The Washington Post that al-Hayya was in Egypt for talks and that the delegation met with all mediators.

The Hamas official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a private meeting, said the group's talks with Kushner focused on the 15-point plan, which Hamas has accepted, and their objections to Israel's opposition.

Israel is also under pressure from the United Arab Emirates, which joined with other predominantly Muslim countries Sunday in condemning Netanyahu's refusal to move forward with Trump's plan.

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Last week, a U.S. official told The Post that Israel is not being asked to "rely on trust or to make irreversible moves before verified steps are taken on the ground."

Speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive matters, the official added that the objective "remains the full decommissioning of weapons and ensuring Gaza can never again pose the kind of threat Israel faced on October 7."

Netanyahu is fighting for political survival in the October election.

Polls show him trailing major opponents, and analysts said that he is less likely to make any major commitments in an election year.

"Netanyahu does not want people saying he approved withdrawals" before the elections, said Gayil Talshir, a political analyst at the Hebrew University.

Kobi Michael, a former official in Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs, said American pressure may not yield results except for a limited Israeli redeployment along the Yellow Line, the boundary separating areas in Gaza under Israeli military control.

Speaking last week at a government meeting, Netanyahu presented himself as someone who can say no to Trump.

"We can and know how to stand our ground, even against our best friends when necessary," he said.

DeYoung and Yang reported from Washington, and El Chamma from Beirut. Suzan Haidamous in Beirut contributed to this report.

Sixty days after signing Iran deal, Trump stuck in quagmire as war drags on

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neither the approaching midterm elections nor the passage of time was putting pressure on him to reach a deal.

"I have no time schedule," Trump said. "I'm not in a hurry. … Midterms have nothing to do with my thinking."

Six months after he launched attacks on Iran in coordination with Israel and 78 days before elections that will determine whether his party retains control of Congress, Trump confronts the kind of open-ended conflict he claimed he was uniquely equipped to avoid: one with no obvious military resolution, no diplomatic breakthrough in sight, and mounting economic and political costs at home.

Continuing the standoff risks leaving him presiding over a war that undercuts one of the central premises of his political identity.

The war has helped to erode voters' trust in Trump and may have larger consequences in the midterms, said Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist University Institute for Public Opinion.

"For a lot of voters, the war in Iran is linked with the economy. When the strait closed, the price of gas went up," Miringoff said. "The problem for President Trump and the Republicans is that a lot of what he was elected on seems to not be being fulfilled. So there's a sense of no rationale for why we went in, and no clear sense of how it's going, and no indication of how we're going to get out, which is the opposite of what makes for good politics."

The White House did not respond on the record to questions about the memorandum's expiration or its impact on the president's political goals, instead noting his public statements.

But administration officials say the White House is leaning heavily on the hope that the U.S. campaign of economic pressure will push Iran to a breaking point.

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President Donald Trump faces the kind of open-ended conflict he claimed he would avoid.

"President Trump's been very focused on the economic pressure," Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and envoy, said Monday in an interview with Fox News. "If you look at the Iranian economy, it's way worse off. It was bad before the war, it's way worse off now," he said.

Kushner added, however, that so far Iran is "not showing any interest in doing something that makes sense for us."

Officials point to Iran's soaring inflation, record-low currency value, falling oil and tax revenue, mounting reconstruction costs, and growing strains on the banking system.

In the administration's telling, those pressures are reaching beyond ordinary Iranians and beginning to hit the country's elite, as well, eroding purchasing power and creating uncertainty even around government paychecks.

But the U.S. has applied economic pressure on Iran for decades, and even in the best case for Trump, the latest moves probably would take many months to play out.

Any economic pain will be felt primarily by the Iranian people, rather than forcing change from the increasingly hard-line regime, said Alan Eyre, a former diplomat who served on the U.S. negotiating team that secured the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. The U.S. withdrew from the deal in 2018, under the first Trump administration.

"The U.S. has no good options," said Eyre, who is a distinguished diplomatic fellow at the Middle East Institute. "This war has broken a complex system. And it is not getting back to the way it was before Feb. 28."

In the meantime, Trump's standing has eroded as the war has dragged on. Strikingly, surveys show an erosion of support among Republicans, whose intense loyalty has been the foundation of Trump's political power.

An Economist-YouGov poll released last week found Trump's approval among Republicans at 79 percent, a second-term low and 15 points below its level shortly after he returned to office. The share of Republicans who strongly approve of his performance has fallen even more sharply, from 68 percent to 48 percent.

A Washington Post-Ipsos poll last month found a new low of 15 percent of Americans "approve strongly" of Trump's job performance. The finding marked the first time the Post-Ipsos poll found that significantly more than half of Trump approvers support him only "somewhat," rather than strongly.

The declines cannot be attributed to the Iran war alone. Voters have also expressed frustration about inflation, gasoline prices and other aspects of Trump's presidency. But those issues have increasingly become intertwined: The war and the continued disruption of oil shipments have helped make Trump's foreign-policy predicament an economic and political problem at home.

Trump has continued to insist that an end to the stalemate is in the offing. On Monday, he told Fox News that the U.S. was engaged in back-channel talks with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

An IRGC spokesman quickly denied the claim. Brig. Gen. Hossein Mohebbi told Iran's semiofficial Tasnim News Agency that there were no talks between Revolutionary Guard officials and the Americans, dismissing Trump's assertion as a product of "defeat and desperation in the war."

Robert Kagan, a Brookings Institution senior fellow who has written extensively about U.S. power and foreign policy, said that Trump has few attractive military options in Iran and that the U.S. has effectively lost control of the Strait of Hormuz for the foreseeable future, leaving the administration increasingly reliant on economic pressure.

But Kagan said that setback may not necessarily translate into lasting political damage for Trump. If gas prices remain relatively stable and the U.S. avoids another sustained shooting war, he said, Iran could gradually recede from voters' attention.

"I can see a situation where the majority of Americans don't care about the strategic defeat that we have faced if we are not shooting at Iran and if gas prices are not going up," Kagan said. "He could get a political win out of a disastrous military defeat. He just has to spin it for his voters."

Scott Clement and Karen DeYoung contributed to this report.

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Thousands in Indonesia await aid after earthquake kills 68

Quake overshadowed the country's Independence Day celebration

BY FIRDIA LISNAWATI AND NINIEK KARMINI
Associated Press

REO, INDONESIA — Thousands of people waited for aid on the Indonesian island of Flores on Monday as the country marked its 81st Independence Day, two days after a powerful earthquake killed at least 68 people, injured more than 200 others and damaged thousands of homes.

Many residents on Flores island in East Nusa Tenggara province spent the day mourning victims while military teams tried to deliver food, clean water and clothing to inaccessible communities by plane.

Saturday's earthquake left widespread damage, with buildings collapsed onto parked cars, homes shattered, and trees and boulders blocking roads.

"My house is just rubble now," said Rasyid Jafar, a clothing trader in the village of Reo, the hardest-hit area in Manggarai regency. "We need food, medicine and clean water urgently."

During Indonesia's Independence Day ceremony in the capital, Jakarta, President Prabowo Subianto asked participants to pray for people affected by disasters in East Nusa Tenggara and other parts of the country, while leading a nationwide moment of silence honoring the nation's independence heroes.

More than 4,500 homes were damaged when the quake struck Flores island early Saturday. Some 19,000 people were forced into temporary shelters and 213 people were injured, according to the National Disaster Management Agency, or BNPB. The disaster also damaged 122 health facilities, 252 schools and 84 places of worship.

The province's governor declared a 14-day state of emergency Sunday.

The quake occurred at a depth of six miles shortly before 6 a.m. Saturday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, and residents fled in panic as tsunami warnings were issued but later lifted. Authorities have since recorded 1,576 aftershocks into Monday, though only 54 were felt by residents.

Thousands of people on Flores camped outside collapsed homes under tarpaulin tents overnight into Monday, sleeping outside because of the danger of more aftershocks.

For many residents, the disaster revived painful memories of a powerful earthquake and tsunami that struck Flores in 1992, killing about 2,500 people.

As thousands of survivors remain in need of food, shelter and medical treatment, the government said more than 1,800 military and police personnel have been deployed across the disaster zone, supported by 10 aircraft and several vessels, to distribute more than 100 metric tons of emergency aid.

Nearly 5,400 food packages, two field hospital tents, medicines and clothing were being delivered to communities across the disaster zone, as logistical challenges slowed deliveries to some hard-hit communities, national disaster agency Deputy Chief Abdul Muhari said in a video statement.

Authorities set up two emergency field hospitals in the worst-hit town of Ruteng to treat earthquake victims after local hospitals were damaged, with two crisis management teams overseeing a health emergency operation center, Muhari said.

He also said rescue teams continued searching for victims in the affected areas, although no residents have reported any family members still missing.

Aid workers reached tiny Palue Island, one of the areas closest to the earthquake's epicenter, late Sunday, after a difficult sea and land journey through landslide-hit terrain, authorities said.

Thousands of residents remained in urgent need of assistance.

"The roads are steep and many were blocked by landslides. It was a near-death journey," said the deputy police chief of Sikka regency, Marselus Yugo Amboro, whose team was among the first to reach the island with emergency supplies.

He said initial assessments revealed extensive damage, with one villager killed, two seriously injured and nearly 150 homes destroyed.

Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions because of its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped arc of seismic faults and volcanoes.

In 2018, a 7.5-magnitude earthquake triggered a tsunami on the island of Sulawesi that killed more than 4,400 people. In 2004, a 9.1-magnitude quake off Sumatra unleashed a tsunami that killed about 230,000 people in a dozen countries, nearly 170,000 in Aceh province alone.

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A man examines a building that collapsed during an earthquake in Reo, Indonesia, on Monday.

People take shelter in makeshift tent amid fears of aftershocks in Reo on Monday.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

President Donald Trump, speaking Monday in the Oval Office, has taken a markedly more conciliatory approach than his predecessors toward North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump defends his move to cut back U.S.-South Korea military exercises

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

President Donald Trump doubled down on his rationale for reducing joint military exercises with South Korea, saying Monday that he was miffed at the U.S. ally for refusing to help the United States in its conflict against Iran.

Trump said Sunday that he had directed Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to "substantially reduce" military drills with South Korea, citing his "very good relationship with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un."

On Monday, speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, Trump said his decision stemmed from a conversation he'd recently had with the South Korean president, asking him "to give us a little hand" with defending the Strait of Hormuz.

"He said, 'No, thanks,'" Trump recalled. "And I said … we have 39,000 soldiers over there guarding you from Kim Jong Un, your next-door neighbor, and you're not going to help us on a very easy military operation in Iran? … I see. Well, why are we involved in helping you?"

Trump said the disagreement mirrored one of his consistent gripes about U.S. allies — that Washington pays considerably to protect others but doesn't get enough in return. Trump's critics say that he is fundamentally wrong and that U.S. allies contribute significantly to the cost of bases that allow Washington to project power around the world.

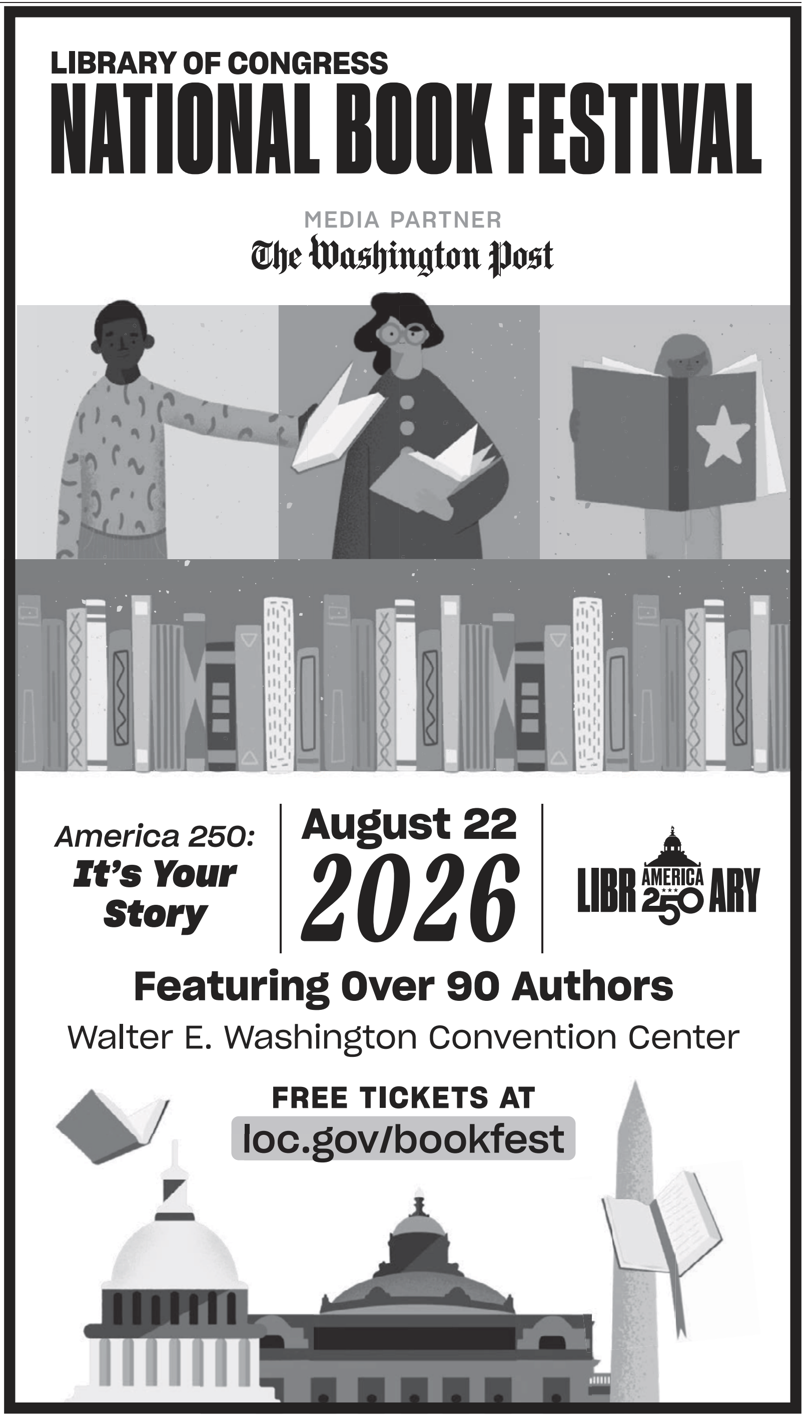
"We're guarding them from a country … that's costing us billions and billions of dollars to protect not only them, but other countries," Trump said of South Korea. "Look at NATO. We spend hundreds of billions of dollars protecting Europe from Russia, hundreds of billions, mostly from Russia, but from other things, too. And then they say, well, they don't want to get involved with guarding the strait where they get most of their oil."

Nuclear-armed North Korea is an authoritarian state that successive U.S. administrations have tried to isolate. Washington has used sweeping economic sanctions to try to pressure Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons program. Those efforts have failed to produce meaningful concessions, and North Korea has continued to expand its arsenal while showing little willingness to disarm. U.S. officials and other experts have estimated that the country has 50 to 60 nuclear warheads and enough nuclear material to build significantly more.

Trump has taken a markedly more conciliatory approach than his predecessors toward Kim. During his first term, he met the North Korean leader three times — in Singapore in 2018, in Hanoi in 2019 and later that year at the demilitarized zone on the Korean Peninsula. He has often spoken warmly about their personal relationship even as negotiations over North Korea's nuclear program stalled.

Over the weekend, Trump underscored that affinity by sharing a photograph of the two men in which Kim appeared to glare at a photographer while Trump looked at him with a stern expression.

"Despite the unfriendly look on this picture, there are many where we're smiling, Kim Jong Un and I get along GREAT!," Trump wrote.



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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Meta, Zuckerberg face a potential reckoning in court

States seek $1.4 trillion in damages for alleged harms to young users

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK

SAN FRANCISCO — Meta has suffered two major defeats in state courts this year and been ordered to pay almost $1 billion in penalties and remediation for harms to teens who used platforms such as Instagram. A federal trial due to begin Tuesday could drag its founder Mark Zuckerberg to the witness stand and force much greater financial and legal consequences for the company.

The case headed to court in Oakland, California, was brought by the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Kentucky and New Jersey. They demand that Meta pay as much as $1.4 trillion — almost as much as the company's total value — and redesign its products as restitution for the harms it has caused young users.

The lawsuit alleges that Meta designed its Facebook and Instagram apps to get teenagers addicted to its services while at the same time mounting a public-relations campaign to convince parents and politicians that its products were safe for young people to use.

"This is hugely significant," said Clay Calvert, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington-based think tank. "It is a reckoning to them in terms of how they deliver content to minors."

Meta has rejected the states' claims in court filings, arguing the case failed to show evidence of real-world harm and asks for wildly unreasonable damages. "The State AGs may call this a landmark case, but their limited claims are unsubstantiated and their financial demands are vastly disproportionate," a spokesperson for the company said. Zuckerberg is expected to testify, as is Instagram head Adam Mosseri.

The case due to start this week in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California is one among a recent avalanche of lawsuits against social media companies from parents, children, school districts and state governments that are winding their way through courts across the nation.

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A federal trial due to begin Tuesday in Oakland, California, could drag Meta founder Mark Zuckerberg to the witness stand.

They are built on more than a decade of widespread public concern about the impact of social media on children. Prosecutors are likening the cases to the mass of legal action against the tobacco industry in the 1990s that led to massive settlements and new limitations on cigarette makers. The legal onslaught comes after attempts by Congress and federal regulators to force changes at Meta and other tech firms that the companies largely shrugged off.

The Oakland case represents just four of the 29 state governments that have sued Meta. If the company loses, the financial penalty could dent the company's finances and force it to make major product changes while also setting a precedent for the cases still to come.

"The outcome here could influence the rest of the attorney generals' cases," Calvert said.

Meta Chief Financial Officer Susan Li issued a warning about the company's legal challenges in prepared remarks to investors last month. "We continue to see scrutiny on youth-related issues in several markets and have a number of youth-related trials scheduled for this year in the U.S., which may ultimately result in a material loss," she said.

The cases could also force changes to Meta's products. The company was ordered by the New Mexico judge who said the company must pay $942 million in damages and restitution to make design changes including not sending any push notifications to children during school hours and late at night.

The states that brought the Oakland case set to start this week have asked the judge to order that Meta make changes including increased enforcement of age limits, deletion of any AI algorithms trained with kids' data and putting an end to the way that social feeds in its apps present an "infinite scroll" that never ends.

Courtroom drama

The presiding judge in Oakland is Yvonne Gonzalez-Rogers, the same judge who handled Elon Musk's lawsuit against OpenAI earlier this year. Musk lost after the jury in the case found he had missed the window to bring his lawsuit.

The Meta trial will also be heard by a jury, who will deliver an advisory verdict that Gonzelez-Rogers will take into account before making her own decision. In the Musk-OpenAI case, she accepted the jury's decision immediately.

Jury trials have created a new challenge to the operations of the largest tech companies over the past several years, with panels repeatedly returning landmark decisions against tech giants who had largely avoided legal penalties for years as they grew bigger and more powerful.

In 2023, a jury in San Francisco found that Google's mobile app store was an illegal monopoly. Last year, a California jury found that Meta wrongfully collected data from women using the period-tracking app Flo. Both companies said after the verdicts that they would appeal.

Meta's recent and forthcoming trials reflect years of building anger toward Meta and other social media companies for the way they've marketed to and directed their algorithms toward young people, said Jim Steyer, founder of Common Sense Media, an advocacy organization that aims to protect children from the potential harms of technology.

"The blowback is not building anymore. It's here. It's real," said Steyer. He is the brother of Tom Steyer, the philanthropist who has mounted unsuccessful Democratic presidential and California gubernatorial campaigns.

Big Tech companies at times been levied with major fines, particularly in the European Union, for breaking laws and regulation. For the most part, the companies have been able to pay the money and move on.

The huge amounts of money being demanded by the attorneys general and the large number of pending cases and potential plaintiffs could make the financial penalties of adverse rulings more difficult for the company to handle.

"It kind of feels like the financial cost is finally matching the human cost," said Kyle Morse, deputy executive director of the Tech Oversight Project, a nonprofit that argues Big Tech companies have amassed too much power.

Stocks decline as oil prices rise nearly 3% amid uncertainty over Iran war

BY STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks edged further from their record heights Monday after rising oil prices cranked up the pressure on inflation and financial markets.

The S&P 500 fell 0.5 percent but remains near its all-time high set Thursday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 272 points, or 0.5 percent, and the Nasdaq composite slipped 0.3 percent.

Wall Street's losses solidified in the afternoon when oil prices accelerated upward. The price for a barrel of Brent crude, the international standard, rose 2.7 percent to $90.87.

It's been careening back and forth because of uncertainty about what the war with Iran will do to the global flow of crude. Last month alone, Brent zigzagged between $72 and $102 as hopes rose and fell that the United States and Iran could reach a deal that would allow oil tankers to freely exit the Persian Gulf again.

Monday's rally for oil prices sent Treasury yields in the bond market higher, which in turn raised the pressure on the economy and prices for all kinds of investments.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed to 4.72 percent from 4.68 percent late Friday. It has shot up from just 3.97 percent before the war with Iran, largely because higher oil prices are worsening inflation and upping the probability that the Federal Reserve will have to hike interest rates.

Higher rates could keep a lid on inflation, but they do so by intentionally slowing the economy. The average long-term U.S. mortgage rate has already jumped near its highest level in a year because of the rise in the 10-year Treasury yield, though reports last week said that inflation in July was not as bad as earlier in the summer.

Usually around this time of year, anticipation is building on Wall Street to hear from the head of the Federal Reserve about where it may take interest rates. But the Fed's new chairman, Kevin Warsh, may give little insight at this year's economic symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, at the end of this month, according to Thierry Wizman, a strategist at Macquarie Group

Warsh has been adamant about giving Wall Street less guidance about the Fed's plans for interest rates.

Wall Street has run to records despite high inflation in large part because profits are booming for U.S. companies.

Those in the S&P 500 index are on track to deliver growth of roughly 50 percent for earnings per share in the spring from a year earlier, according to FactSet. That's much better than analysts expected and would be the best since five years ago, when the economy was erupting out of the chasm created by the covid pandemic.

Nearly all the companies in the S&P 500 have turned in their profit reports for the spring. Still to come are big retailers, including reports this week from Home Depot, Target and Walmart.

They're facing pressure. Their customers' incomes may be turning iffier after U.S. employers surprisingly cut more jobs last month than they added. At the same time, their customers are continuing to see bills rise quickly as inflation remains much higher than anyone would like.

A report last week said that shoppers surprisingly spent less at U.S. retailers last month than in June, and CEOs for retailers could give color this week on what they're seeing.

On Wall Street, trading was relatively quiet Monday.

L3Harris Technologies fell 4.6 percent after the defense company said Christopher Kubasik stepped down as its CEO and chairman following "certain conduct by Kubasik that was not consistent with the values of the Company." It gave few details but said the conduct was not related to its financial reporting, controls, customer relationships or operational performance.

Alphabet dipped 0.5 percent even though Berkshire Hathaway said it increased its investment in Google's parent company, along with several home builders. Berkshire built a reputation for buying stocks at affordable prices under its former CEO, famed investor Warren Buffett.

Constellation Brands fell 6.2 percent after Berkshire said it sold all its holdings in the seller of Modelo beer and Robert Mondavi wine.

All told, the S&P 500 fell 40.70 points to 7,745.06. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 272.63 to 53,459.78, and the Nasdaq composite slipped 84.25 to 26,644.91.

In stock markets abroad, indexes dipped in Europe following a stronger finish in Asia.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.7 percent after a report said Japan's economy grew at a slower pace in the April-June quarter than economists expected. Indexes jumped 1.3 percent in Hong Kong and 1.4 percent in Shanghai for some of the world's biggest moves.

DIGEST

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Start-up raises $280M in funding round

Wispr Flow said Monday that it had raised $280 million in a Series B funding round that valued the company at $2 billion, as investors bet on growing demand for AI-powered voice tools that help users write and work hands-free.

The round was led by existing investor Menlo Ventures and included current backers Notable Capital, NEA and Neo Ventures, among others. New investors included Acrew, Forerunner, Goodwater and Peak XV.

San Francisco-based Wispr Flow had previously raised $25 million last November in a round led by Notable Capital and backed by podcaster Steven Bartlett's Flight Fund. The total funding has now reached $361 million. Global venture capital is flowing increasingly toward AI, robotics and chip start-ups, fueling a surge in billion-dollar companies, faster follow-on rounds and sharply higher valuations for a select group of high-growth firms.

Wispr Flow, whose software converts speech into text for writing and workplace tasks, said people have now generated more than 60 billion words using its platform. The company said its products are used at nearly all Fortune 500 companies and more than 10,000 enterprises.

The company also unveiled Monday a preview of Canto, its first proprietary speech-recognition model, which it said was designed for real-world conditions rather than quiet environments typically used to train and test voice systems.

— Reuters

TECHNOLOGY

Alibaba sells game developer for over $2B

Alibaba Group is expected to reap more than $2 billion from the sale of its game developer unit Lingxi Games to private equity firm Trustar Capital, a person familiar with the matter said. Trustar said late Monday that it had reached a transaction agreement with Alibaba to acquire the tech giant's entire stake in Lingxi.

Alibaba and Trustar reached a formal agreement after several rounds of talks, according to an internal memo sent to Lingxi staff Monday by the game developer's chief executive, Zhou Bingshu. Lingxi and Alibaba did not respond to requests for comment about the memo.

Under the agreement, Alibaba will transfer all of its Lingxi stake to Trustar, the memo said. The memo did not disclose the value of the deal or when the transaction was expected to close. It also gave no details of regulatory approvals or other conditions attached to the deal. Neither did Trustar's statement.

Zhou said in the memo that he and Lingxi's management team would continue to lead the company, signaling continuity in the studio's operations following the ownership change.

Bloomberg News, which first reported the memo, said the deal would be worth at least $1.5 billion, citing sources.

Alibaba, one of China's largest technology companies, operates e-commerce platforms, cloud-computing services and other digital businesses. It has been reviewing and disposing of noncore assets as it directs capital and management attention toward strategic priorities.

— Reuters

The Justice Department is investigating Andreessen Horowitz over concerns that the venture capital firm's partners may be improperly sitting on the boards of competing AI companies, Bloomberg News reported Monday, citing people familiar with the matter. The companies involved include Databricks and Fivetran, which are backed by the venture capital firm, Bloomberg said. Andreessen Horowitz co-founder Ben Horowitz sits on Databricks's board, while partner Martin Casado serves on Fivetran's board. Both companies provide tools that help businesses collect, organize and analyze large volumes of data. Casado was also on the board of a similar company, called dbt Labs, which was acquired by Fivetran in June, according to the report.

Chrysler parent Stellantis said it is recalling 955,000 vehicles worldwide because radio software may prevent rearview cameras from operating properly. The recall affects 848,000 vehicles in the United States including various 2026 and 2027 model year Chrysler Pacifica, Pacifica Plug-in Hybrid and Voyager, Dodge Charger, Jeep Cherokee, Compass, Gladiator, Grand Cherokee, Grand Wagoneer, Wrangler, and Ram 1500, 2500 and ProMaster vehicles. About 107,000 vehicles are being recalled in Canada, Mexico and other markets.

— From wire services

TUESDAY OPINION

An innovative approach to the Colorado River water problem

BY JIM MADAFFER

The Colorado River Compact of 1922 is designed to divide a fixed supply of water, but there's a problem: The river no longer offers one. The Colorado River is facing pressure from years of low water levels that don't look likely to rise anytime soon. The outdated structure of the compact doesn't address these problems, forcing seven Western states to search for other ways to fill their reservoirs.

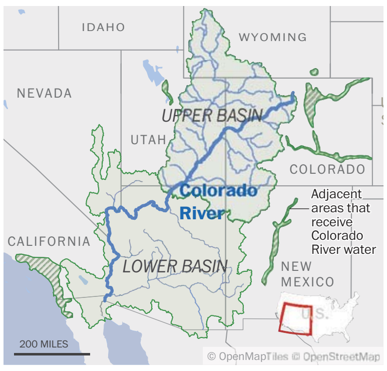
The 20th century focused on allocating the river's water, but the 21st century must create water for the region. And the best way to make that happen is by unleashing the power of the marketplace.

This compact, and other laws of the river, focus on water allocation to the states — Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming — that rely on its supply. It allowed the building of dams, reservoirs and aqueducts that transformed an arid region into one of the world's great economic engines.

But a system designed to divide a steady stream of usable water won't work with a river facing chronically low levels due to two decades of droughts and a hotter, drier climate. Decreased snowpack and increased evaporation have significantly reduced the amount of water reaching the river, but demand for the river's water has not fallen. The equation won't balance without some concerted addition.

Every acre-foot of water — approximately 326,000 gallons, enough to sustain approximately three urban families for a year — that is created is an acre-foot that doesn't need to be taken from the river. But how can water be "made"? The answer is American innovation. Local governments are creating new supplies through desalination, advanced potable reuse, groundwater recovery, agricultural conservation and other techniques that barely existed a generation ago.

The problem is that the existing policies — designed as they were for another era — don't create anything. They just manage a dwindling supply. The next generation of Colorado River water policy must create abundance by maximizing these other sources.



Source: U.S. Geological Survey; Colorado River Basin GIS open data portal

Here's the good news: In June, major water agencies in the three Lower Basin states of Arizona, Nevada and my state of California — the last of the seven basin states to claim water rights — and the United States Bureau of Reclamation and Interior Department signed a memorandum of understanding to explore an interstate exchange network that could promote new water-creation strategies. These include desalinated seawater and advanced recycled water, which could become a regular part of the Lower Basin's water-management tool kit.

Done correctly, this would not alter the allocations established by the 1922 compact. Rather, it should create a framework that preserves water in the river by allowing states to supply their water needs through other methods.

Most of all, the memorandum matters because it opens the door to building a marketplace. For decades, interstate exchanges have relied primarily on accounting mechanisms such as intentionally created surplus (ICS). ICS allows approved water agencies to store conserved water in Lake Mead for future use, and it's an important tool for conservation, but it doesn't encourage water-supply creation.

The open interstate exchange marketplace established by the memorandum is something different. For example, it could allow localities that supply their water through other means, such as ocean desalination, to voluntarily exchange their unused river water with other states for a price. No state's legal allocation would change, and no new water rights would be created. The marketplace would simply reward those who invest in creating water while reducing demands on the river.

This win-win system could also allow farmers to conserve water through efficient irrigation, cities to invest billions in advanced water recycling and desalination facilities to produce drought-proof water along California's coast. For instance, efforts such as lining the All-American and Coachella canals have conserved over 90,000 acre-feet each year.

An open marketplace would reward those kinds of conservation investments. This commercialization of water innovation is the path to giving Lower Basin states and their residents stable and full water supplies.

Markets accelerate progress faster than centralized systems because they reward ingenuity and create incentives to scale successful ideas. Water policy should embrace these principles. By competing to create abundance instead of asking who deserves more water, the Lower Basin will solve its supply problem the way the U.S. has overcome so many great challenges — through innovation and competition.

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RICK REILLY

Here we go again. Another spectacularly dubious Trump golf triumph.

JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

You people make me sick. Just because President Donald Trump is 80 years old with a pancake-flat golf swing and the chipping skills of Edward Scissorhands, you refuse to believe he could shoot a 70 and hog two trophies a couple of weeks ago at his Bedminster course in New Jersey.

He says he "won" both the senior (over 50) and super senior (over 60) titles by shooting *10 strokes* below his age — which is like kicking a 120-yard field goal in snowshoes.

Shame on you. You're thinking about this all cattywampus. I've been tracking Trump's golf game for 26 years. It isn't about his golf skills. It's about his calculator-melting math skills.

Watch the master at work ...

12

This is how many club championships Trump said he had back in 2000.

He and I were playing at Trump National outside New York City. Somewhere between his sixth and seventh mulligan, he declared, "You know I've won 12 club championships, right?"

I blinked at him. I was looking at a guy who couldn't get out of a bunker if he had a ladder. I figured him for a 7 handicap, which was pretty good for a 56-year-old, but wins you a fistful of nothing in club championships. Besides, whenever he'd played on TV — like the Pebble Beach tournament and the Lake Tahoe celebrity thing — he never finished in the top half.

"No chance, Donald," I countered.

Then he explained it: Every time he buys or builds a new golf course, he plays the first round by himself and declares that the club championship.

I thought, *Well, that's just ... pure ... genius.*

18

This was the number he was trotting out by 2013. "I've won 18 Club Championships including this weekend," he posted online, then trashing billionaire-and-no-Trump-fan Mark Cuban ("swings like a little girl with no power or talent").

Eighteen? I looked into it and could find no evidence he'd won any of the six new titles. One time, he'd played a different course and called in the winning score. Another time, he walked in the clubhouse, saw the winner's name on the wall, apparently decided, "I always beat that guy," and declared himself the champ.

Hey, he owns the courses. It's not like he needs to write a letter to management.

26

Fast forward to 2024, and by my unofficial Trump Brag count, he had 26. That's eight championships in 11 years. Which is Tiger Woods-like, except no objective witness would call me back to vouch that any of them were legit.

Not the head pro, not the guys he played with, not any of his hardworking caddies, who drop balls for him the way the Easter Bunny drops eggs for toddlers.

He "won" one title — a two-day event — in Florida even though he spent the first day at a funeral in North Carolina. He "won" another that apparently was held while he was in Singapore with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. That's a trick even Un's father — Kim Jong Il — never dreamed up, and he once shot a 38.

36

Here is where Trump set himself apart from any baloney blowhard braggart you've ever met. On Aug. 6, 2025, he suddenly posted on Truth Social about having "36 Club Championships!"

Creeping covfefe! Trump had jumped up 10 championships in a single year! Maybe he'd built a putt-putt course in the White House basement and was holding secret tourneys? I'm telling you, this man could find a trophy in the 50 percent off box at Circle K.

38

On Thanksgiving Day last year, in a video call to soldiers, Trump let slip, "I've won 38 club championships, and I don't get to practice much." Two remarkable things about this:

1. Somehow, he'd won two more "championships" at his clubs despite the clubs' not posting anything about them. Trump himself hadn't even mentioned them (but you know how humble he is).

2. Extra points must be awarded for not only bragging about the 38 imaginary victories — all at courses he owns — but also moaning he could've won even more. My God, how many trophies can a man hoist? Don't his arms get tired?

40

Or 43 or whatever. Which brings us to the recent outing when the World's Most Self-Decorated Golfer turned in another spectacular performance: the 2-under 70 at Bedminster, which I couldn't get anybody to vouch for, since it's a score that would satisfy any scratch golfer of any age. "It's called TALENT, and I have it," he posted afterward, "and they don't!"

Well, actually, what Trump has is caddies waiting out ahead on the course, fluffing up his lies, throwing his balls out of bunkers and picking up eight-foot putts they've decided he doesn't need to make. I talked to an ex-caddy of his, who said, "Everybody knows the deal. He has to win the tournament and shoot the lowest score. It's your job to make sure."

So now I have the Championship Cheat Chart at 40 wins, though an onlooker at Bedminster taking a video of the awards said that by his count, Trump is up to 43.

The guy might be right. Heck, by Christmas, it could be 50. By April, he might have won the Masters. After all, at 80 years old, Trump is playing not only the best golf of his life, but the best amateur golf in the history of the sport.

THEODORE R. JOHNSON

The USS Abraham Lincoln shows the cost of endless war. I know it well.

At sea, sailors soon discover that anchoring their deployment to the date it ends is a losing strategy. Going home is always too far away. The better way to mark the time is with shorter-term milestones — mail calls, the next port visit. Yet the days afloat are long; making it through each one is usually the harder struggle. During my two-decade Navy career and years on sea duty, I set my daily clock to food and sleep — *chow-chow-chow-rack*. Every meal, every wake-up was a tick of the timer. Small routines served as assurances that things were on schedule.

But when missions expand while food, showers and sleep dwindle — and when mail and port calls are canceled and homecoming dates repeatedly rescheduled — time seems to stop, making life in the middle of the ocean turn from hard to intolerable.

That breakdown matches recent reports of conditions on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which is on a historic deployment with more than 240 consecutive days at sea. The crew of roughly 5,000 was supposed to be home several weeks ago, but the prolonged war with Iran has extended its operations. For months, worried family members have raised concerns about the well-being of their sailors and the status of the ship, sharing accounts of broken systems, supply shortages and extreme fatigue.

Rep. Mike Levin (D-California), who represents the congressional district neighboring the Lincoln's home port in San Diego, chronicled the issues on social media: "Moldy showers, broken toilets, laundry down for weeks, long stretches with no hot water, a meal that came down to half a cup of rice and two tortillas. No soap, deodorant, or toothpaste." Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth dismissed early reports as fake news, and President Donald Trump suggested the deployment hasn't been nearly long enough. Last week, there were reports that at least two sailors attempted to jump overboard.

Experience teaches that breaks from routine and exceptions to the rules boost crew morale, especially when the days begin to run together. Mail calls bring a taste of home; open-ocean swim calls, a touch of recreation. When not at war, Sundays at sea often mean a relaxed schedule and maybe even grilling on the ship's deck — a steel beach picnic. After a crew has spent 45 days without a port, Navy regulations allow a beer day for the sailors — a welcome reprieve that most on board hope they're never eligible for. There's no expectation that deployments should have the comforts of home; the mission and the culture, particularly at war, require enduring hardship. Still, there is such a thing as too much. An officer aboard the Lincoln captured it succinctly: "Actually literally no one signed up for this and yet here we are, still doing it safely and successfully."

U.S. NAVY/REUTERS

A sailor on the flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln on Aug. 9.

The most difficult part of nonstop operations and endless time at sea, though, happens off the ship. Connections to home keep you grounded, but the absence from it can create stress that compounds the pressures sailors already face. Two months before my first deployment, my mother was diagnosed with cancer. Though I fought to keep my head in the game, my heart was with her as she battled through chemotherapy and radiation thousands of miles away. Less than two years later, my son was born during a second deployment, and I felt like an absentee father for missing several months of his life. The thing that kept me going was knowing the dates when I could hug my mom and wife again — and my son for the first time.

The mental health toll is well documented. Psychologists have detailed how certain conditions undermine the mental health and quality of work of seafaring personnel. Risk factors include long and demanding hours, lack of autonomy and extended deployments with scheduling uncertainties. The most problematic stressors identified were inability to rest and insufficient personnel for the mission. In 2017, two collisions involving U.S. Navy destroyers and commercial vessels took place in the Pacific Ocean, resulting in the deaths of 17 sailors. The accidents were attributed to several factors, including short-staffing and sleep deprivation. The captain of my second ship understood this, reminding us in the middle of high-tempo operations that "sleep is a weapon" — and that the lack of it exposes everyone to danger.

The Navy has acknowledged that mission overload and uncertainty mean the Lincoln's sailors "have been pushed to their limits." And it notes that mental health professionals and social support are available to the crew and their families. But when you're eating old food in dirty clothes, after standing a 12-hour watch on three hours of sleep, in cramped quarters where the showers don't work, a chat with an officer can feel low on the list of needs. Besides, a homecoming date helps everything.

The latest news suggests the sailors on the Lincoln can finally sleep a little easier: The aircraft carrier USS George Washington is en route. Home is still a long way away, but the next best thing is being relieved when another crew takes on the mission. Then, it's just counting meals and wake-ups until you get to hug your family — with maybe some mail and a port visit along the way. Accomplishing the mission is always the most important priority during a deployment, but the job isn't done until you make it back home.

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Attorney General Todd Blanche listens as President Donald Trump speaks in New York on Aug. 14.

EDITORIALS

Todd Blanche is right about DOJ 'independence,' like it or not

ATTORNEY GENERAL Todd Blanche made headlines Sunday for stating the obvious: The Justice Department is part of the Trump administration. That means the president has a say in what it does.

"Can you pledge that the Justice Department will always act independently of the White House?" NBC News host Kristen Welker asked Blanche on "Meet the Press."

The recently confirmed attorney general replied: "Well, there's a big difference between saying we will always do our job, and investigate any case and act independently of the White House. No, I'm not going to pledge that. And no attorney general should ever pledge that."

That this exchange was a minor news event calls for a constitutional refresher. The president is required to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." The Justice Department is the agency Congress created to help the president enforce federal laws.

The president appoints the attorney general and can fire him or her at will, just as he can any other Cabinet member. The idea of DOJ "independence" gained popularity in Washington after the Watergate abuses of the 1970s. President Jimmy Carter proposed a law to insulate the attorney general from presidential removal, but his own Office of Legal Counsel said that would likely be unconstitutional.

> The attorney general's department is supervised by the president.

To the extent that presidents and attorneys general keep their distance, it is out of respect for a well-intentioned custom. Even the strongest advocates of independence don't doubt that the president can and should set certain goals for the department. That includes political decisions such as how aggressively to pursue antitrust cases, or seek the death penalty, or penalize college campuses for incidents of antisemitism.

Nor would it even be desirable for the Justice Department to be shielded from the democratic process like federal courts are. Prosecutors can misuse their tremendous power, for political or other reasons, and they need to be accountable to someone. In a democracy with a separation of powers, that means the president and his appointees.

To recognize that the Justice Department is subordinate to the White House is not to excuse abuses. On the contrary, recognizing that the attorney general is unavoidably a political figure and not an irreproachable technocrat gives the public an avenue to criticize his judgments.

Blanche's Justice Department (he was initially deputy attorney general) has launched a series of flimsy investigations and prosecutions of the president's purported enemies, most of which have failed in court. Vindictive prosecution is despicable whether the prosecutors responsible claim to be acting "independently" or not. There are ways the White House can influence the Justice Department short of a direct order — see the 2022 New York Times leak that President Joe Biden was frustrated with Attorney General Merrick Garland for not (yet) prosecuting Trump.

Ideally, senior officials including the attorney general have enough standing to tell the president "no," and are willing to resign if they are overridden on a matter of significant importance. William P. Barr, who was attorney general in Trump's first term, wrote in his memoir that he told the president before his nomination that he "could not tolerate political interference in criminal cases" — as opposed to civil cases — "and would take the job only based on that understanding."

That's a good line for attorneys general to draw, if they have the political leverage to do so. Blanche probably does not. When Welker asked him, "Should the president have a voice in individual prosecution decisions at all?," he replied ambiguously: "Every American has a voice in prosecutions. … And so whether President Trump should have a, quote, 'voice,' it depends."

Blanche was in audition mode for attorney general for months. One of his selling points to skeptical senators was that if he was confirmed, he would have more ability to push back on bad ideas emanating from the White House. Now he has made it to the top of the department, and Trump is still his boss. His legacy will be defined in part by how willing an instrument he will be in the White House's revenge campaign.

Mark Cuban bests Ro Khanna on wealth taxes

REP. RO KHANNA (D-California) supports his state's billionaire tax proposal on the ballot in November. Texas businessman Mark Cuban had a question: What about founders of promising start-ups who are billionaires only on paper?

Khanna's solution was revealing. Hint: It would create another tool for government control.

On Saturday, Cuban noted on X that California has more and more "deca unicorns" — start-ups with valuations of $10 billion. If a founder owns even 10 percent of such a company, he or she could be considered a billionaire despite not having much wealth aside from the paper value of a yet-unproven firm. It's not clear how such a person would pay the supposedly one-time 5 percent tax Khanna wants to impose.

Khanna replied to Cuban that the paper-billionaire founders could, essentially, get loans from the government using their companies as collateral. "Allow illiquid founders to pledge shares with a loan from the government to pay tax," Khanna posted. "At the end of the period, the loan is either paid back in cash, or the government assumes the shares."

> The congressman has a peculiar solution for taxing start-up founders.

So, Khanna's plan is for government to … front people money to cover their taxes. That's a variation of current policy for people of modest means; a significant portion of welfare spending amounts to returning money that households already paid in taxes that same year.

But Khanna wants a revenue treadmill for people he considers rich. The state would lend taxpayers' money to other taxpayers so they can pay a novel wealth tax back to the state.

The congressman's proposed security for the wealth-tax loan is meaningless. If a deca unicorn start-up succeeds, its founders will likely have enough cash to pay back the loan. But if the business sputters and the high valuation disappears, the government would then own shares of a failed company.

That means many loans would never be paid back and the government would accumulate stakes in failed companies. It's socialism without the purported benefit: California would own the means of *non*-production.

No sensible bank would ever give a loan to a start-up with private shares as the only collateral. It's too risky. That's why venture capital and other forms of non-bank lending exist for start-ups — and why most venture investments don't pan out.

Cuban's scenario might be uncommon, it's true. But *every* payer of California's proposed billionaire tax would present a rare situation. There are about 200 billionaires in the state. Creating a profile of their wealth and property for tax purposes is not as simple as adding up money in a bank account.

In addition to driving out the rich, wealth taxes are uniquely challenging to administer. That's why most of the rich countries that have tried the idea have repealed them.

Today's advocates of wealth taxation have offered a series of bad explanations for how the foreseeable problems would be addressed. Khanna's is only the latest. If your tax requires the government to start giving out special loans to pay itself, maybe it's not a good tax in the first place.

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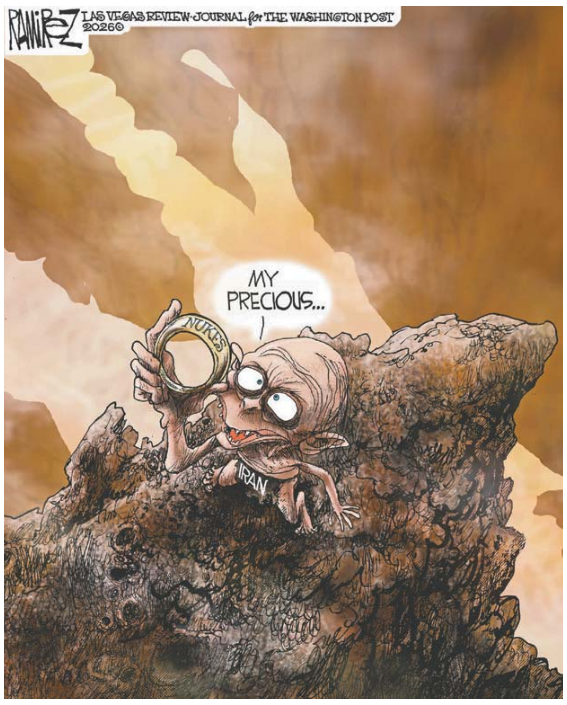

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What professors gained by winning with El-Sayed

Megan McArdle thinks the American Association of University Professors is making a mistake.

In her Aug. 10 column, "What the professors lost by winning with El-Sayed," McArdle argued that the AAUP's first-ever political endorsement — of Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan's Democratic Senate primary — risked reinforcing the perception of ideological politicization that has made universities vulnerable to attack. Her argument gets the central question right: Should professors respond to the politicization of higher education by retreating from politics, or by organizing politically themselves?

I believe engaging in politics is the only way to build power to defend the sector against the barrage of attacks from the Trump administration. The AAUP has become political because politicians are increasingly making decisions that determine whether higher education can survive.

For much of the 20th century, through a system of shared governance, faculty helped determine curriculum, academic standards and hiring. That model has unraveled.

State legislatures are now dictating curriculum and restricting academic freedom. Boards and administrators have centralized authority, and tenure has steadily eroded. Nearly three-quarters of college instructors now work in contingent positions.

The AAUP's turn toward politics was thrust upon us. When workers lose their seat at the governing table, they speak collectively through unions and politics. Academic workers are no different.

The AAUP is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, a 1.8-million-member union. Its job is to build political power around the candidate who will fight for higher education. El-Sayed supports making college more affordable, rebuilding public investment and defending academic freedom.

Professors didn't choose the battlefield, but we're no longer willing to pretend we aren't standing on one.

Todd Wolfson, *Washington*
The writer is president of the AAUP.

Back-to-school advice from a pro

I retired from teaching in June, and this is the first time in 30 years that I have not purchased back-to-school supplies for my own children or my classroom. So, I read Michelle Singletary's Aug. 12 Color of Money column, "There's a better way to purchase back-to-school supplies," with interest. I have a few additional suggestions.

Many parent-teacher associations offer a school supply box. It may not always be the cheapest option, but purchasing it supports the school and saves parents time. If that option is unavailable, I would urge parents to stick to the school supply list and not purchase extras. That 64-count crayon box can become a distraction. Parents should also not opt for lower-quality brands than what the list requests. It could cost parents more money to replace supplies throughout the year if they don't hold up. And, unless a teacher has specifically asked for it, don't buy an individual pencil sharpener. They are the bane of custodians for a reason: Pencil shavings inevitably end up all over the floor.

Singletary noted that "when those shared supplies aren't enough or run out, teachers end up spending their own money to fill the gap." I know from my own experience how true this is. For parents who are able, ask your child's teacher whether they have an Amazon wish list for their classrooms.

Purchasing school supplies is a growing financial burden for many families. These families should contact a school counselor or their child's teacher. Many counselors collect extra supplies or can reach out confidentially to the PTA for support, and teachers often have leftovers from previous students.

The most important things parents can supply their children with are free: encouragement, a positive attitude toward learning and a library card.

Diane B. Norton, *Fairfax*

A Social Security crisis isn't inevitable

The Aug. 6 news article "As Social Security benefit cuts loom, Congress wades into the crisis" presents the very premise that keeps this debate stuck: that the program's future is a forced choice between cutting benefits and raising taxes. It isn't.

Social Security operates on a pay-as-you-go basis. The bonds that the trust fund holds are simultaneously an asset to and a liability of the federal government, thereby offsetting each other, and have no bearing on the government's ability to pay benefits. The $477 billion shortfall looks binding only because Congress has forbidden Social Security from drawing on general revenue. The military and civil-service retirement funds receive exactly such transfers as a matter of routine.

Congress does not need another commission to provide cover for cutting benefits. And it needs to stop treating a self-imposed accounting deadline as a fiscal cliff. Congress should protect scheduled benefits, let the fund draw on general revenues as other government retirement programs do, and invest in the capacity that genuinely supports retirees.

Edward Lane, *Gardiner, New York*

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Why RFK Jr.'s pro-peptide push is so dangerous

BY DONALD G. MCNEIL JR.

In Neil Simon's 1972 play, "The Sunshine Boys," an aging former vaudevillian explains how to get laughs: Use words with a K. "Alka-Seltzer is funny," he tells his nephew. "Chicken is funny. Pickle is funny … lettuce is not funny."

This kind of thing applies to medicine, too.

What is it about "I'm taking a new peptide!" that sounds harmless, even healthful? Peptides are suddenly everywhere. If someone said, "I'm injecting a chemical!," you'd think them nuts. "Chemical" isn't healthy; it says "chemistry class," "chemotherapy," "chemical castration." But "peptides" is perky. "Peppy!" it enthuses. "Pep talk!" "Pep rally!"

What's a peptide? Just a short protein. Proteins, you may remember from biology class, are long strings of amino acids attracted by mRNA after it pops off DNA's twisted ladder. A short string — just two to 50 or 100 amino acids — is a peptide. Anything longer is a protein.

Why does this matter? Because peptides, like proteins, are not inert. They have effects, which may be good or bad. You are made largely of protein, of course. So is cobra venom. Ozempic is a peptide. So is insulin. Insulin saves lives, but as every diabetic knows, an overdose can cause seizures, brain damage and death if it isn't quickly reversed with a sugar injection.

Popular peptides are said to repair tissue, improve skin elasticity, stimulate hair growth and slow aging. Sounds great, right? But consider possible side effects. If you have a few precancerous cells lurking indolently in your prostate or breast, injecting a peptide that stimulates human growth hormone might supercharge them into a tumor.

This is why Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s pro-peptide push is so dangerous. Kennedy openly detests the Big Pharma companies that make vaccines and patented drugs. He long stoked lawsuits against them. But with his "look at me I'm such a bad boy" braggadocio, he champions rebellious, libertarian industries that sell unproven, lightly regulated nostrums. Historically, the bankrollers of the anti-vaccine movement have included some of the makers of vitamins and dietary supplements. They're not tested as rigorously as vaccines and prescription meds because they cannot legally claim to cure disease. But they rely on pitch words like "immune-boosting," "kidney-cleansing," "respiratory support" and "sex-enhancing" to imply they can cure cancer, kidney failure, lung disease, erectile dysfunction and so on.

Now Kennedy has aligned himself with another dicey industry — peptides.

Although there have been many scandals in which supplements turned out to contain fake ingredients or impurities, at least most of these were pills and powders. With luck, they might be broken down by the digestive system or vomited out.

But most peptides are injected straight into the bloodstream. Some sellers are compounding pharmacies that, at least in theory, will ask whether you actually need the shot or have a condition it could worsen. Many sales are on sites with disclaimers like this: "All products … are intended solely for laboratory research purposes and are not for human or animal consumption. These materials are for in vitro research only." But they come as nasal sprays, capsules and injection vials — clearly not meant for petri dish research.

Google "peptides" and a common search question pops up: "Which peptides does Joe Rogan take?" This is where many Americans are now getting their medical advice — from a former comic whose medical credentials are well south of Dr. Oz's, and who co-founded a dietary supplements company.

Rogan likes to tout the "Wolverine stack," a combination of two peptides, BPC-157 and TB-500, that supposedly rebuild torn muscle the way Wolverine regenerates a lost arm. In February, Kennedy appeared on Rogan's show and declared, "I'm a big fan of peptides. I've used them myself — and used them with really good effect — on a couple of injuries." He was anxious, he said, to make them more easily available.

A long explanation of the legal and regulatory issues and the history of compounding pharmacies can be found in this excellent report by the Guardian, but it comes down to this: Kennedy is not requiring large, multiyear placebo-controlled double-blind trials for each peptide to prove whether they work and are safe (or not) — even though this is exactly what he used to demand for children's vaccines. Instead, he added multiple people with ties to the peptide industry to a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee that in July recommended undoing a Biden-era decision to put several unproven peptides in a category that permitted research but not sales. That's just inviting trouble. Injecting foreign proteins inevitably triggers immune reactions, which can be highly unpredictable.

Kennedy is pushing us backward into the 19th century, when anyone who knew that a cocktail of morphine and alcohol would quiet a cranky baby could set up a company to make something like "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and get rich selling it — relying on word of mouth and suppressing awkward reports of babies who never woke up. It's exactly what we don't need.

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MAX BOOT

I'm a hawk. I'm shocked by a $1.5 trillion defense budget.

As a defense hawk, I've long been in favor of more military spending — up to and including when the defense budget hit $1 trillion this year. But I'm experiencing real sticker shock at the Trump administration's $1.5 trillion request for next year. In inflation-adjusted terms, that 50 percent increase would result in the largest defense budget ever — exceeding even the World War II peak.

And this comes at a time when the federal budget deficit is at $1.8 trillion and federal debt is nearly $40 trillion. On its current trajectory, public debt as a percentage of gross domestic product in 2030 will exceed the record set in 1946. Granted, defense outlays are only 13 percent of federal spending, but you know what they say: "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money." In this case, we're talking about another $500 billion in real money.

There is, in short, good reason Congress isn't rushing to rubber-stamp the staggering defense budget. The House, by a narrow margin, passed a $1.15 trillion defense budget and a $73 billion supplemental to fund the Iran war. In addition to the money in the House bills, the White House wants another $350 billion via a reconciliation bill that can't be filibustered by Democrats. But that measure appears to be DOA in the Senate. With time running out, the armed forces are likely to begin the new fiscal year on Oct. 1 under a "continuing resolution" that provides "only" $838 billion.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has no one but himself to blame. He has been contemptuous of Congress, so it's hardly surprising that its members are not rushing to hand him a massive pot of cash. If Hegseth wants to win bipartisan support for the defense budget — something that was taken for granted in years past — he needs to start briefing Senate Democrats, not just Republicans. And he needs to do a much better job of addressing lawmakers' concerns about controversies such as the unexplained firings of general officers, the lawless attacks on alleged drug boats, the deteriorating conditions aboard an aircraft carrier deployed to the Middle East and the failed war with Iran.

No one denies the need to replenish missile stockpiles running low because of the Iran conflict, but the very fact that the United States has used up such a large part of its missile arsenal so quickly is a damning indictment of years of defense misappropriations that long predate President Donald Trump. You would think that $1 trillion would buy enough missiles to fight China or Russia, but it turns out that we don't even have enough to fight Iran. The Iran war also revealed that the military was woefully ill-prepared to fight an enemy equipped with low-cost drones; Iran's drones and missiles have done serious damage to U.S. military installations in the Middle East.

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth at a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on July 21.

It's true that the new defense budget has a lot more money for drones and drone defenses, but it also includes massive boondoggles that can't be justified on the merits.

The Congressional Budget Office just estimated that the 15 nuclear-powered battleships that Trump wants to build as part of his "Golden Fleet" will be at least 50 percent more expensive than initially estimated. The total price tag is $275 billion, and the first "Trump class" ship will cost $23.4 billion, making it the most expensive warship ever built. A new aircraft carrier, at $13 billion, is a bargain by comparison.

If the "Golden Fleet" ever sails, it could become target practice for Chinese drones and missiles. But it's unlikely that it will ever see the sea because it relies on technologies, such as laser weapons and electromagnetic rail guns, that are not ready for deployment. A future administration may well cancel the whole project, but not before incurring billions in research and development costs.

The CBO estimates that the Golden Dome missile-defense system — another Trump favorite — would cost even more: a whopping $1.2 trillion. That's nearly seven times higher than the $175 billion price tag the administration attached to this project last year, and it's unlikely that the system will ever achieve Trump's objective of protecting the entire country from missile or drone attack.

And then there is the additional cost, likely to be billions of dollars, of redesigning future aircraft carriers with steam catapults — all because Trump has an irrational hatred of electromagnetic catapults. The Navy would also have to spend billions more to move the command tower of future aircraft carriers from the rear to the center, as demanded by Trump on aesthetic grounds.

Under Hegseth's weak and woeful leadership, the defense budget has become a piggy bank not just for Trump's impractical flights of fancy but also for Trump family members. The Washington Post reported that companies in which the president's sons Eric and Donald Jr. have invested have received at least $3.2 billion in defense contracts since the start of Trump's second term.

Perhaps there's a case for a $1.5 trillion defense budget, but, so far, Hegseth hasn't made it, at least not convincingly. Indeed, The Post reported earlier this year that military officers were scrambling to figure out how to spend an extra $500 billion. Hegseth seems to have picked $1.5 trillion as the "top line" arbitrarily, rather than conducting a rigorous bottom-up analysis of what the military needs.

Trump, for his part, hasn't given a single speech providing a detailed justification for the defense budget. His argument for it remains at the bumper-sticker level, claiming that all that extra spending will produce a "Dream Military." But at what cost?

A far greater Republican president — Dwight D. Eisenhower — recognized that the nation must provide for its defense today without "plundering … the precious resources of tomorrow."

"We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage," Ike said in his 1961 farewell address warning of the dangers of an unchecked "military-industrial complex." Those perils are particularly acute today, to the detriment of the nation's future security.

RAMESH PONNURU

A Medicare-for-all gift is staring the GOP in the face

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An event for Abdul El-Sayed in Detroit on May 3.

When Abdul El-Sayed became Michigan's Democratic Senate nominee last week, his Republican opponent, Mike Rogers, immediately attacked his "ideological fanaticism" on crime, terrorism and taxes. Unmentioned: El-Sayed's support for Medicare-for-all, a system in which the federal government would become nearly the only provider of health insurance.

Based on the frequency with which El-Sayed brings up health care, he clearly thinks the issue is an asset for him in the race. Perhaps Rogers agrees with that assessment. If so, he will miss an opportunity to devalue it or even convert it into a liability.

El-Sayed is one of the first candidates in a competitive statewide election to support Medicare-for-all. Troy Jackson, who is running to unseat Republican Sen. Susan Collins in Maine, is another. Peggy Flanagan, seeking to represent Minnesota in the Senate, is a third. Yet there are sound reasons to think the idea could become a weight on these candidacies.

Americans, for all their complaints about the health care system, generally dread the prospect of Washington disrupting their insurance. Many surveys have found that most people are satisfied with what they have. When Bill Clinton proposed a more government-run system a generation ago, the most potent attack against it was that it threatened people's existing coverage. Barack Obama, having learned from Clinton's failure to enact his legislation, made "if you like your plan, you can keep your plan" a central promise of his own health policy. The lowest political moment for Obamacare was when that promise didn't bear out for 4 million people who saw their plans canceled.

Support for the status quo — or, perhaps more accurately, fear of what Washington might replace it with — has doomed sweeping conservative plans, too. After Clinton's ambitions failed, Republicans advanced changes to Medicare that Democrats successfully portrayed as a threat to seniors' medical care. The GOP's efforts to repeal Obamacare during President Donald Trump's first term ran aground because too many Americans had gotten used to getting coverage from it.

Medicare-for-all would impose more radical disruptions on the health care system than any of these earlier proposals and laws. In the book El-Sayed co-authored about Medicare-for-all — styled as a "citizen's guide" to the idea — he was forthright that everyone with coverage from their employer, private insurance, Medicare Advantage or Medicaid would have to "transition" to the new system: "M4A would not be an opt-in or opt-out program; everyone would be covered."

Rosy cost projections for such plans depend on slashing payments to doctors and hospitals.

The leading Medicare-for-all bill, written by Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and co-sponsored by 17 other senators, would go so far as to make it illegal to enter any private insurance contract to provide a service covered by the new government program. (Sanders allows that buying insurance for cosmetic procedures, should it ever become a viable product, would still be legal.) The bill would impose tight restrictions on paying privately for medical care, too.

It's Medicare-for-all, whether you like it or not. Even when advocates aren't explicit about prohibiting most private health insurance — Jackson and Flanagan haven't tipped their hands — it's hard to see how the idea could prevail without removing private coverage as a real option.

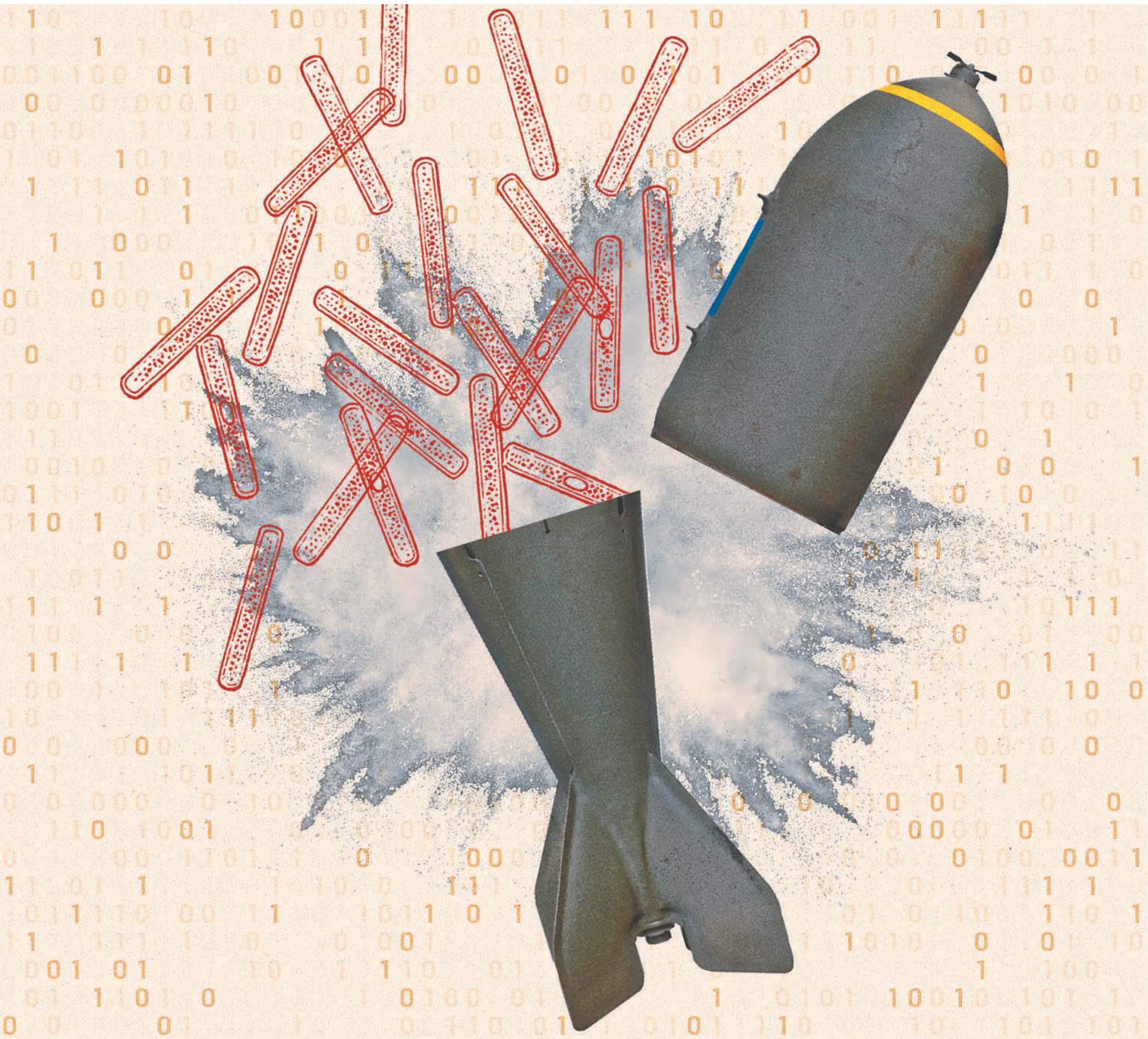
El-Sayed was cagey about this point in a recent interview, and you can see why. The plan entails tossing hundreds of millions of Americans off their current coverage. Thirty-six million seniors alone have chosen Medicare Advantage plans. Traditional Medicare wouldn't guarantee stability, either: "Medicare itself would change," too, he conceded in his book. El-Sayed insists that most people would come out ahead on the new plan. They would receive more benefits and pay no more for health care than before, with any extra taxes offset by no longer having to pay premiums or out-of-pocket medical bills.

But it's questionable whether most voters would, or should, share that confidence. Rosy cost projections for such plans depend on slashing payments to doctors and hospitals, which would probably disrupt care further and not for the better.

In the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020, several candidates endorsed some version of Medicare-for-all. The winner, however, was an opponent of the idea: Joe Biden, who warned, "Medicare goes away as you know it."

At the start of that campaign, a poll found that two-thirds of Medicare-for-all supporters believed it would let people keep the health insurance they already had. More recent polling has found that most Americans like the idea in broad outlines but that only 29 percent had "some" or "a lot" of confidence in the federal government's ability to administer it. Seventy percent said they'd prefer to stay with their current insurance.

Perhaps Republicans should inform them that they wouldn't have the choice.



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Race to defend against viruses

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charged with coordinating the web of federal agencies that deal with biohazards and provided scientific guidance to top officials.

That team rapidly dwindled after Trump returned to office amid cuts and reorganizations, said the three former officials, as well as a fourth former official, who also worked for both administrations. At times, nobody at the White House was dedicated solely to biosecurity, according to three of the former officials.

The losses have come as the administration has delayed replacing key Biden-era directives. It revoked a 2023 executive order on AI calling for stronger biological safeguards and cast doubt on a policy issued the following year designed to require companies to screen buyers seeking genetic components that could be used to create biological agents — widely seen by experts as a basic pillar of the nation's defenses.

Trump directed officials to produce a revised version by August 2025. More than a year later, it has yet to appear, even as AI companies say their most advanced models are gaining increasingly sophisticated biological capabilities alongside the hacking skills that have alarmed officials this year.

"They have kneecapped themselves in their ability to create any policy that would have staying power," said one of the former experts, who recently worked directly on outbreak response policy. "That's the risk, they're not playing the long game. The whole purpose of having the technocrats there is to advise political leaders on the nuanced tradeoffs of taking one path or another."

In the absence of a large team, the White House has relied on a small revolving cast of employees. They have included a junior fellow without a security clearance; a part-timer from the research organization Rand; a pair of CIA staffers with little expertise in the field; and an Air Force doctor who had been a consultant to the White House medical office, according to the three experts.

A White House official said the administration was working to strengthen the Biden-era policy, calling it inadequate and technically limited despite the staff devoted to developing it and did not address questions about the staffing changes.

"The Administration's commitment to addressing AI and biological safety risks is clear and ongoing," the official said in an email. "The White House has been developing policy for over a year, including in our AI Action Plan last summer."

The Trump administration has acknowledged the biological security risks AI poses while touting the potential for the technology to help keep the nation safe. Trump told foreign leaders gathered at the United Nations last year that he wanted to prevent biological weapons disasters and said AI was a tool to help.

At the Pentagon, a former health official who led Operation Warp Speed — the effort during the first Trump administration to rapidly produce a vaccine for the coronavirus — is involved in efforts to use AI to speed the development of new defenses against future pandemics and to deter biowarfare. Part of the work involves analyzing billions of tweaks to antibodies to assess how to respond to new forms of the coronavirus.

But that work is taking place in a government that analysts and the former experts say has been drained of expertise amid broader cuts to federal public health and science funding.

The White House removed all the staff from the Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy, an organization created to lead the nation's response to the kind of major outbreak that the most dangerous kind of bioweapon could trigger. The office was resurrected as Ebola spread in Africa this spring.

A National Security Council unit dedicated to health security was also shut, two of the former experts said, and parts of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and Department of Homeland Security responsible for biological threats were broken up as part of broader reorganizations.

A scientist who worked on biotechnology and national security issues in both the first Trump and Biden administrations said the federal government is not taking a leading role in coordinating a response to the risks posed by the rapidly evolving technology.

"Every time an administration changes over there's a lot of continuity that just gets disrupted," said the scientist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized by their employer to speak publicly. In the transition from Biden to Trump, they said, "when it comes to biosecurity, that happened in a very disruptive way."

There has never been one federal agency responsible for biosecurity, a sprawling field that encompasses efforts to secure research labs, aspects of public health work and international diplomacy, and which is increasingly focused on the role of AI. But an analysis of Trump's most recent budget request by the Council on Strategic Risks, a Washington-based security-policy think tank, concluded that the administration's rhetoric on biosecurity was not matched by its funding proposals. In a separate analysis, the group found that spending across multiple government departments peaked in 2024, before declining slightly in Trump's first year — with the administration proposing further cuts.

"General programmatic cuts and agency-specific reorganizations have restricted and eliminated key programs, clouding budgetary transparency and weakening US deterrence efforts," the council wrote in a blog post.

When Trump returned to office last year, his team was focused on eliminating barriers to the development of AI technology. That approach began to shift this spring when a new generation of models proved to be capable of hacking into computer networks, leading administration officials to embrace the kind of government oversight of yet-to-be released tools that they had once spurned.

There are now signs that officials are taking additional interest in the potential dangers. That has included a recent string of briefings on biological risks between OpenAI and the White House and half a dozen government agencies, according to a person familiar with the meetings, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe their private nature. Politico reported this month that the White House was launching a new initiative involving its cybersecurity office and a top official at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Leaders in the AI industry have long said that their tools being used to enable a biological attack ranks among their top fears.

"I'm getting very frustrated," said David Relman, a professor of medicine at Stanford University who worked on pandemic response in the Biden White House.

The newest AI models, such as Anthropic's Mythos and OpenAI's GPT 5.6, have continued to get better at high-level biological research. But just as the models' ability to write computer code has made them good at hacking, their biological capabilities have stoked fears that they could be used to help build a new bioweapon, set off a new pandemic or aid even a relative amateur in carrying out a biological attack. This month, the journal Science published the results of a successful effort to use AI to engineer new viruses. They were designed to infect bacteria rather than humans, but the outcome was a clear sign of what is becoming possible.

As early as last summer, researchers at OpenAI determined that they were close to reaching "high" levels of capability in biology, which the company defines as capabilities that "significantly increase existing risk vectors for severe harm." The company briefed the Trump administration and hosted more than 50 government experts for a summit at its San Francisco headquarters that July to discuss how its systems could be used for biological defense. (The Washington Post has a content partnership with OpenAI.)

The company said it has continued to work with the administration, aiming to provide officials with access to a special version of GPT for biological defense that it calls Rosalind.

"The Administration has increasingly prioritized this important issue as AI capabilities have expanded, and we welcome their partnership," an OpenAI spokeswoman said in an email.

Despite the growing concern, scientists remain divided on how serious the risks are, how soon they might materialize and how the nation should prepare. Large language models that power chatbots could be helping terrorists to do tricky lab work, and specialized biological design tools could aid in the creation of new kinds of deadly pathogens not readily recognized by current methods of surveillance.

In October, researchers at Microsoft detailed how they had patched gaps in detection systems after using AI to engineer digital versions of thousands of toxins that were not caught by the existing safety net.

A report by Rand concluded that attackers have a significant advantage over defenders when it comes to biological incidents. Someone carrying out an attack could make multiple efforts, while authorities need to be able to tackle every threat because even one "could result in catastrophic consequences."

Leading American AI firms have sought to lock down their models, blocking them from answering questions about risky biological research and providing more capable systems only to trusted partners. But AI guardrails are imperfect and OpenAI said in July that its testing of leading Chinese models, which are made freely available, indicates that they do not have the same kinds of protections built in.

"I think we have a massive collective-action problem in front of us," said Relman, the Stanford professor.

AI systems have gone on runaway hacking sprees in recent months but, for now, experts say the barrier between the digital world and the biological one presents a major hurdle — and an important line of defense. Yet that could begin to change as companies seek to automate laboratories.

"The ultimate fears are a ways out," said Crystal Grant, a researcher at the Council on Strategic Risks. "We have a lead time before they're here to prepare ourselves."

Because the same abilities can allow AI to be used for dangerous and helpful biological research, many scientists also fear their work becoming too tightly regulated.

The Trump administration recently released a new policy on what it calls dangerous gain of function research. It's a long-standing approach involving tinkering with pathogens in order to better understand how to defend against them. But it has become increasingly controversial in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The Trump administration has embraced the theory that the virus escaped from a Chinese lab that was undergoing gain of function work. Some scientists say the new policy is vague and could impede legitimate research.

In the private sector, researchers complained that biological guardrails Anthropic put on its most powerful model were too strict. The company loosened the restrictions this month.

Paul Friedrichs, a retired Air Force general, said the need to get the balance of safety and progress right underscored the need for strong leadership and expertise in the federal government.

Friedrichs, who ended his government career leading the White House pandemic office under Biden, said the cuts in the Trump administration have "unquestionably" left the nation less well prepared and at risk of squandering an incredible opportunity.

"We're on the cusp of curing some of the banes of humanity," Friedrichs said.

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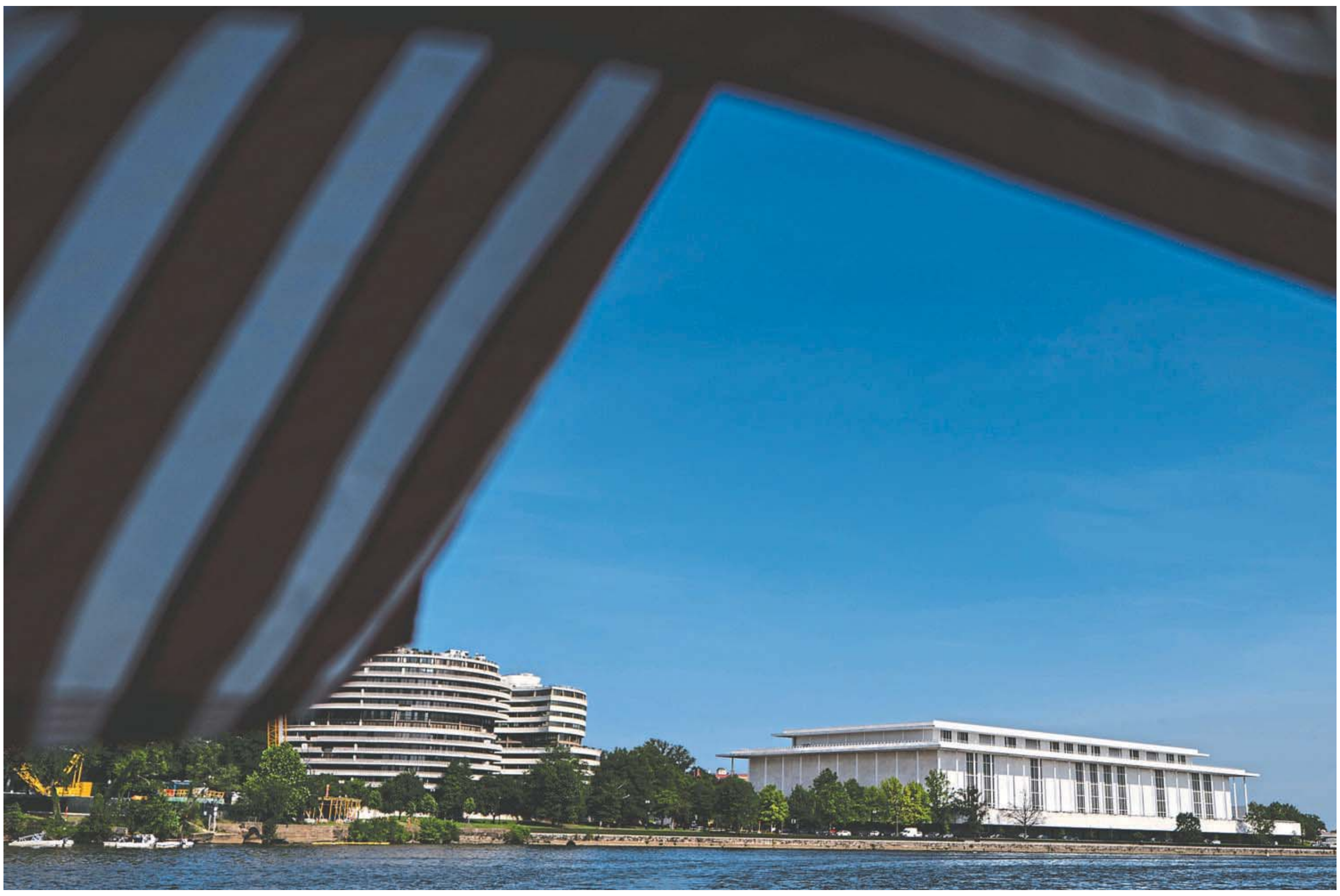

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The renovations to the Kennedy Center are welcome, but without independent leadership, audiences may not return to the refurbished arts venue.

An uneasy path forward for Kennedy Center

After a two-year closure, Washington's premier arts facility may end up right back where it started: In a self-imposed quagmire

BY **PHILIP KENNICOTT**

Back in February 2025, Donald Trump must have thought the Kennedy Center would be an easy win. Given that he could appoint and dismiss members of the board, there was a legal path to his unprecedented takeover of the traditionally nonpartisan arts center. And after that, perhaps the various communities — artists, audiences, patrons, big donors — that make up the Kennedy Center ecosystem would fall in line and embrace or at least tolerate his co-option of the living memorial to the 35th president. Trump could put on black tie, walk the red carpets of the center's towering corridors and imagine he had achieved the social legitimacy that was always denied him by the great cultural institutions of his hometown, New York.

There was evidence, early in his second term, that this was plausible. Billionaires, some of them former Trump skeptics or antagonists, had flocked to his inauguration and feted his leadership. Major corporations started scaling back or eliminating their DEI programs even before

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HAYDEN PANETTIERE | 1989-2026

Actress gained fame for 'Heroes,' 'Nashville' roles

BY **SAMMY WESTFALL, GREY BATTLE AND ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY**

Hayden Panettiere, a former child actress who rose to fame in the public eye and starred in TV shows "Heroes" and "Nashville," died Aug. 16 in South Carolina. She was 36.

South Carolina's Greenville County Coroner's Office confirmed her death, saying she was in cardiac arrest before she died. Emergency medical services responded to a 911 call reporting a cardiac arrest at 1:51 p.m. on Sunday at a residence in Greenville, where they found Panettiere unresponsive. She was pronounced dead at 2:32 p.m. after lifesaving measures were attempted. There were no signs of trauma, and the cause of death needs further investigation, the office said in a statement.

In May, Ms. Panettiere released a memoir, "This Is Me: A Reckoning," in which she detailed her life growing up in the spotlight, and her struggles with postpartum depression, substance abuse and domestic abuse.

She began acting as a child, gaining her first television credit before she turned 5 on the soap opera "One Life to Live." At 10, she starred in "Remember the Titans."

Her big break came when she played a high school cheerleader with regenerative superpowers in "Heroes" in 2006; the TV series ran for four seasons. She later portrayed rising country artist Juliette Barnes on "Nashville." She also had roles in the Scream horror franchise, "Bring It On: All or Nothing" and the rom-com "I Love You, Beth Cooper."

Tributes to the actress poured in Monday. "I wish the world had more time with you because I had a burning curiosity about who you were becoming. I saw this beautiful Phoenix rising from the ashes," actress Viola Davis posted on Instagram.

In an interview on Jay Shetty's "On Purpose" podcast released in May, Ms. Panettiere described her debilitating anxiety, alcoholism and custody battle over her child, circumstances she said were written into her character on "Nashville." "It felt like it never ended. I didn't know where Juliet began and Hayden ended," she said.

In her memoir and press tour interviews, she described her struggles with postpartum depression, drugs and alcohol, and the death of her brother three years ago. She also discussed the pressure to please everyone and her fractured relationship with her mother, who served as her manager for years in her childhood, where "everything was business."

"I finally feel like I have shaken off all of this darkness and this negativity. … And that means I closed one door and another door is opened," she said on the podcast. "And I can feel all the … exciting possibilities. I feel like I

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Dog-eared delights

The books that caught readers' eyes this summer

BY **ELA JALIL**

After more than 15 years in the publishing industry, Ami Greko still remembers the summer when everyone was reading "A Little Life." The 736-page tragedy by Hanya Yanagihara hardly seemed like the perfect beach read or travel companion.

A couple of years later, she saw the mass popularity of Emma Cline's psychological thriller "The Guest," which brought readers into the lives of the ultrarich in the Hamptons.

Greko, director of digital products at Bookshop.org, a site dedicated to supporting independent bookstores, points to one commonality among the books that devoted readers turn to as temperatures rise and days grow long: escapism.

"It's a book that takes you to a new place," she says, "that lets you explore some new concepts, maybe lets you daydream a little bit."

And despite the prevalence of concern about people reading less, Greko says Bookshop has seen an increase in sales this summer. "Summer is the time when everybody wants to have a book in their hand, regardless of whether they're actually reading it or not," she says.

To find out what the most devoted bibliophiles are picking up this summer, we combed though data on Goodreads, a site where readers trade notes on

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With Kennedy Center, Trump ignored social dynamics of a complex situation

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he took office. The National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Institution and PBS, dependent on federal dollars, were quick to capitulate too, closing their diversity offices only days after an executive order forbade federal employees from engaging in such work. And if some Kennedy Center patrons stayed away under Trump, they could be replaced by the burgeoning school of pilot fish from Mar-a-Lago.

But events this week show the extent to which Trump miscalculated. The Washington Post reported on the disastrous financial impact of the Trump takeover on the Kennedy Center's premier tenant, the National Symphony Orchestra, which suffered a devastating audience boycott. An institution-wide boycott, and the refusal of artists to perform at the center, have apparently led to another sad, unnecessary development: the decision Thursday to close the arts venue for a two-year renovation.

Given how thoroughly Trump's leadership has destroyed the center's viability as a presenting organization, that is probably the best of a slew of bad options. The Kennedy Center board's decision may be contested or even overturned as part of an ongoing court case, but that only adds to the quagmire. And if the word quagmire recalls a far more disastrous decision by Trump — his war of choice against Iran — that's because the decision-making in both cases ignored history and the social dynamics of a complex situation.

If you have spent any time at all at the Kennedy Center, and especially at performances by the National Symphony, it's clear that a large part of its audience was born sometime not long after the Second World War. For people in their 70s and 80s, there are two key political eras that shape much of their thinking: First is the traumatic and still vivid memory of the war against fascism fought by their parents' generation. The second is the events of the late 1960s — the assassinations, the Vietnam War, the protests against the administrations of Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon.

Both of these touchstones, rightly or wrongly, informed patrons' decisions. When Trump took over the Kennedy Center, and later attempted to rename it for himself, many liberal boomers felt they had no choice but to stay away. On social media, and in conversation with one another, longtime supporters of the orchestra cited a name from the past: Wilhelm Furtwängler, the conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic from 1922 to 1945. Furtwängler was one of the greatest musicians of the 20th century, but his legacy was forever tainted by his decision to remain in Nazi Germany. Even though Furtwängler was disgusted by Hitler, and despite serious efforts to resist the Nazi degradation of German art and music, he became the Quisling of culture, his name synonymous with collaboration.

The analogy to Furtwängler was imperfect, at best. The NSO was an affiliate of the Kennedy Center caught up unwittingly in the whole fiasco, and despite its name, it has never functioned as a symbolic extension of the government or as a truly national institution. It is Washington's *local* orchestra, now performing at an international level. The only artistic compromise that was forced upon them under Trump was performing the national anthem before every concert. It is offensive, of course, to trivialize the anthem in this way, to treat it as little better than an advertising jingle rather than music for a solemn occasion. But it was a small concession.

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The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, with Wilhelm Furtwängler, rehearsing for a London concert in 1948. Furtwängler's legacy was tainted by his decision to remain in Nazi Germany.

There are hard choices to be made under authoritarian rule. Do you preserve institutions that can never be rebuilt and that are not wholly corrupted? Or do you, at all costs, avoid the route that Furtwängler took? A great part of the Kennedy Center audience chose symbolic resistance over institutional preservation, and they fell back on a blunt but powerful tool strongly associated with the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s: the boycott.

The author of this disaster is Donald Trump. But the boycott could have been more targeted, and it could have spared the National Symphony. The Kennedy Center concert hall might have been a place to gather and show both support for the orchestra and resistance to Trump.

Did Trump know that he was so toxic among arts lovers that they would abandon the center altogether rather than risk any form of what they saw as collaboration? The board, at least, should have known before they decided to put Trump's name on the building. As stewards of the institution, legally obligated to work in its best interests and serve its congressionally chartered purpose, they should have resisted a ridiculous demand that would lead inevitably to institutional wreckage.

On Thursday, they again demonstrated that they are not serious people, and certainly not effective caretakers of the center. Despite a court ruling that the center cannot be renamed for Trump, they resolved not only to close the center for two years, but to inscribe the words "Restored and Renovated by President Donald J. Trump" on its facade and rename its grounds the "President Donald J. Trump Plaza." What was illegal the first time won't become legal the second or third time. And thus the quagmire deepens and the damage will spread.

The two-year closure will, however, allow the NSO to put some air between it and the center, and Trump. The renovations are mostly necessary and welcome, and a planning document obtained by The Post suggests that some acoustic improvements to the concert hall will be included in the roughly $250 million project.

But without independent leadership, without a board that makes the center and its service to the American public its only priority, the people who have stayed away since February 2025 will not return in July 2028. Without a competent programming staff, the center will be an empty shell. The building may be renovated, but it will lack a soul, a purpose and an audience. The NSO, which may recapture its local audience as it performs two seasons outside the center, will return. But as long as Trump is still head of the center, or his name connected with the building, they will be then right back where they are now.

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books. The site has over 150 million users worldwide, and tracks ratings, reviews and "shelf additions," the titles their readers are planning to start.

Cybil Wallace, Goodreads's managing editor, says that for all the talk of what makes for a perfect beach read, she doesn't see major shifts in reading trends during the summer. (Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos is the executive chairman of Amazon, which owns Goodreads.)

The books at the top of Goodreads's charts this summer include a satirical tale of a trad wife getting stuck in the 1800s, a story narrated solely through letters and a novel about a high school science teacher tasked with saving the world.

"I guess we all have our own definition of a 'beach read'!" Wallace wrote in an email to The Post.

Here are some of the top picks among Goodreads readers this summer.

Tradwife tale is runaway hit

It would be impossible to ignore the powerhouse that is "Yesteryear." The suspenseful tale of an influencer tradwife not only topped the summer list but is also Goodreads's most-read book of the year. Caro Claire Burke's novel has sold 1.2 million copies in the United States across all formats, Knopf publicity said.

Anne Hathaway is already attached to the film adaptation of the book, which will probably keep "Yesteryear" at the forefront of conversation for the foreseeable future.

Return of the epics

For Greko, "The Odyssey" is the overall book of the summer. Even though writer Emily Wilson has voiced her disapproval of the movie, it hasn't stopped readers from reaching for her translation of Homer's epic amid the popularity of the blockbuster Christopher Nolan film.

This increased interest in the ancient Greek poem also has led to more readers adding other Greek-mythology-inspired books to their bookshelves. Madeline Miller's "Circe" and "Song of Achilles" both started trending, as well.

Two books that also got screen adaptations made it to Goodreads's Top 10 summer list: "The Deal," by Elle Kennedy, which inspired the Amazon Prime series "Off Campus," and Andy Weir's "Project Hail Mary," which featured Ryan Gosling in a movie that shared the same name.

A golden debut

The Post sat down with author Allen Levi in December to discuss how his self-published book "Theo of Golden" became one of the hits of the year with practically no marketing. In addition to being a Goodreads favorite, the novel, which follows an elderly man who sends ripples through the town of Golden, has spent 35 weeks on the New York Times bestsellers list.

'Strangers'

In "Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage," Belle Burden reexamines her 20-year marriage after her husband's sudden departure. Burden's story may have left out key financial details of her situation, but that hasn't changed the popularity of her book.

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On the rise at summer's end

Ann Patchett's "Whistler" not only made former president Barack Obama's 2026 summer reading list but was also the most popular book in June on Goodreads. The novel, centered on a stepfather and daughter reuniting at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, has been added to readers' shelves more than 442,000 times on the site.

Another fast-growing book of the summer is "Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett, whose debut novel, "The Help," was a major hit as a book and a movie.

"Everything was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt," by Ben Reeves, also climbed up the list, exploring what it would be like if death were to live in the apartment down the hall.

Divorced mom wants more help with visiting costs. Is it okay to tell her no?

Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My stepdad and mom are suddenly getting a divorce in their mid-60s due to financial disagreements over retirement. It has not been a healthy separation.

My stepdad will be covered and is planning a quiet retirement on a river near family. Mom wants to move to a bigger city to continue a social life and working. I don't live near either of them, but I would like my son to know both.

My husband and I have been independently successful for 13 years and have covered multiple trips for my mom to visit or for us to visit her. She continues to want multiple trips a year, but with the divorce, it seems that she has gotten more desperate for us to cover everything. It is affecting our finances, as she wants to go out and do things while she visits.

I don't know if I should support this to maintain her relationship with her grandson, or focus on our own family dynamic.

— *Grown Child of Divorce*

Grown Child of Divorce: Why must it be either-or — supporting her travel or "our own family dynamic"?

Your mom is part of that dynamic, for one. Because you want her to be.

But her lifestyle doesn't just go on your tab, no matter how successful you are or how desperate she is. You may decide it does out of compassion, sure, or a sense of duty, or even a selfish desire for Grandma to spend time with your kid — but no amount of your success or her desperation turns this into an invoice.

So. Figure out how much time and money you *can* spare toward the Son Knows His Grandparents Project. Then, as needed, cut it down to what you're *willing* to spare. That's your budget.

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Next, split it fairly between your mom and stepdad — note I said fairly, not evenly. Then update your mom: for example, that you can cover her completely for X trips to see you per year, or cover half of Y visits. Then see how she wants to handle it.

Running the numbers in your mind like this might seem heartless, but the alternative is to try to please everyone and in the process "overdraw" your selfhood accounts, sometimes financial ones, too, often to the point of resentment (see: "it is affecting our finances") — or to hoard resources at the other extreme with needlessly preemptive walls (see: "focus on our own family dynamic"). To know your limits is the happy middle, and it's a kindness.

The "best" amount of money, time and effort to give for your relationship is the amount you feel best about. That not only optimizes love, but also minimizes the kind of seething that pops up later as a surprise resentment tax on everyone else, to whom you never admitted being mad about doing all this stuff.

Now the coda. Whatever your arrangement, also figure on impermanence as everyone gets older. Revisiting your calculations as things change is a nagging, complex to-do item, and often emotional, but it's a given.

In fact: If you have any bits of cash to spare, then consider setting them aside in an "oh no" account. Not living near family tends to come with travel, eventually, that has nothing to do with what we "want," "like" or "focus on." Future-you will thank current-you profusely for starting such a fund now.

Write to Carolyn Hax at *tellme@washpost.com*. Get her newsletter delivered to your inbox each morning at *wapo.st/gethax*.

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Taken aback by party host's suggestion of a contribution for a group present

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: I accepted an invitation to a party for a friend's husband at their home. It hadn't occurred to me to bring a gift — most likely I would have simply brought a nice card and a bottle of wine.

A few days before the party, I was surprised to receive this message: "Some of you have asked about gifts — and truly, your presence at this event is already the greatest gift of all! However, if you still wish to contribute something, we warmly invite you to participate in a group gift: a special watch for (husband). You are welcome to bring cash or a check, or to make a direct bank deposit."

What would you advise? Now, I feel like if I don't contribute at least $100, it will impact this long-standing friendship. If it had occurred to me to bring a gift, I might have brought a book, not something that costs $100 or more.

Do you find it unusual to propose friends buy a special watch in this way? I believe it used to be common for an employer to offer the gift of a watch for a retiring employee who has been especially valued or long-tenured.

Miss Manners finds it strange that people now feel responsible for the presents they expect to receive. Surely it should be the prospective donors who ought to think up what to give — if anything, as presents are often customary but never mandatory.

It may even be true that your friends were besieged by demands to know what to buy the guest of honor/host. And they didn't know that they could brush this off by saying, "Oh, that's not necessary" — not only omitting the present-presence cliché (because we're all sick of it), but not then undermining it with what sounds, at least to you, like a demand.

It is not. Give your old friends the benefit of the doubt by assuming that they made their suggestion through awkward ignorance, not from greed, and that they invited you for fun, not for profit.

But if this is wrong, and if it takes a hundred-dollar bribe to maintain a long-standing friendship, you might ask yourself whether the friendship has been standing too long.

Dear Miss Manners: My beloved mother-in-law recently passed away. While I am old-school and wear only black to funerals, I have noticed that "the times, they are a-changing."

While getting ready to go and say our final goodbyes, I asked my husband which string of pearls, which I had inherited from my mother, would be more appropriate. The look he shot me left no doubt that it was a faux pas.

My heart sunk, as I had only thought to honor his mother and mine. Was I truly amiss?

No. Pearls are considered the most subdued of jewels, second only to the jet jewelry to which Victorian women were limited during their long periods of formal mourning.

Miss Manners would consider that bereavement sometimes makes people irrational, and try not to hold it against your husband if he is normally reasonable. And resolve not to ask his opinion of your appearance.

New Miss Manners columns are posted Monday through Saturday on *washingtonpost.com/advice*. You can send questions to Miss Manners at her website, *missmanners.com*. You can also follow her *@RealMissManners*.

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In memoir, Panettiere detailed difficulties in growing up in the public eye

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have a lot more life to live."

Auditioning before she could walk

Ms. Panettiere began acting when she was 11 months old, auditioning for a Playskool train commercial. By 1994, she landed a role on ABC's soap opera "One Life to Live."

"Part of me just wanted to have friends, a place at a cafeteria table, teachers who were kind to me, and lots of fun at recess. But another part of me loved the rush I got from acting and the fact that it made Mom so proud," she wrote in her memoir.

At 10 years old, she had caught the attention of the casting director for "Remember the Titans." She went on to play Sheryl Yoast, a football-loving preteen. "As Sheryl, I was strong and authentic, and on 'Remember the Titans' I was the happiest I'd ever felt as an actor," Ms. Panettiere wrote.

Soon after, at 12, she secured a guest role as the nerdy babysitter on "Malcolm in the Middle." The role was thanks to her mother, Lesley Vogel, who had played the wife of Bryan Cranston's character on "Loving." In her memoir, Ms. Panettiere recalled Cranston, an episode director for "Malcolm," saying, "Hayden is so wrong for this role, but we're going to make this work."

Once Ms. Panettiere turned 17, she was well known by casting executives, and she was asked to audition for the role of Claire Bennet — the Texas cheerleader with self-healing powers on NBC's "Heroes." She is best known for her performance in "Heroes" and her role as Juliette Barnes on "Nashville."

Barnes's struggles with postpartum depression and addiction mirrored Ms. Panettiere's life. In her memoir, Ms. Panettiere wrote about realizing the "Nashville" writers were modeling the script after her life; playing Barnes became "looking in a funhouse mirror, seeing a distorted reflection," and diving "headfirst into my own hell." She took a leave of absence from the show to seek professional treatment.

Struggles with addiction

Ms. Panettiere had long struggled with body dysmorphia, anxiety and depression, according to her memoir. In the book, she described one paparazzi photograph of herself that showed the back of her thighs. A magazine published it with a banner over her legs: "CELLULITE."

At an industry event, when she was about 16, a former representative pulled her aside to offer her a "happy pill" before a press interview, she recalled in her memoir. The pills, Ms. Panettiere wrote, "were the gateway drug that ushered me toward the good of pharmaceuticals and the downfall of addiction."

While nerves pushed her forward as a child actor, they eventually overtook her, she wrote. She was prescribed Klonopin but turned to alcohol since it interfered less with work.

After the birth of her daughter in 2014, her drinking increased as she dealt with postpartum depression. Antidepressants wouldn't mix well with alcohol, and "I wasn't ready to stop drinking," Ms. Panettiere said on a 2023 television appearance. Around the same time, an old neck injury had flared up, and she'd begun taking opioids, she said.

Ms. Panettiere developed jaundice from alcohol abuse. In the memoir, she recalled a doctor's warning that she'd be dead in five years if she didn't stop drinking.

She put herself in rehab during the middle of production for the fourth season of "Nashville" in 2015. The producers temporarily wrote her character out of the script. By her return, Ms. Panettiere's personal life matched much of the script: Juliette Barnes had postpartum depression, an alcohol and pill addiction, and an impending divorce.

At the time of writing her 2026 memoir, Ms. Panettiere was in recovery.

A complex personal life

Ms. Panettiere's personal life was relentlessly complex and often tragic. Her parents separated in 2008 while Ms. Panettiere was starring on "Heroes," and their protracted divorce proceedings concluded in 2016.

Ms. Panettiere was in an on-and-off relationship with the Ukrainian heavyweight fighter Wladimir Klitschko from 2009 to 2018. The couple got engaged in 2013 but never married.

After the birth of their daughter, Kaya, in 2014, Ms. Panettiere's postpartum depression led her to seek treatment for substance abuse. In 2018, Klitschko requested full custody of Kaya in Ukraine; Ms. Panettiere granted it.

From 2018 to 2022, Panettiere dated actor Brian Hickerson. Their breakup resulted in Panettiere obtaining a protective order against Hickerson, and her memoir describes their relationship as physically abusive.

Panettiere's brother, Jansen — a fellow actor — died in 2023 at 28 from complications of an enlarged heart. Panettiere, 33 at the time, said she had "lost half my soul."

In adulthood, Ms. Panettiere had a difficult relationship with Vogel, her mother, she said. A former soap opera actress, Vogel was her daughter's manager early on, and she disputed Ms. Panettiere's accounts of being pushed too hard in her childhood acting years.

Besides her father, Alan Lee "Skip" Panettiere, and her mother, survivors include her daughter, who lives with Klitschko. Ms. Panettiere had said in May she maintained a strong bond with her daughter and remained close to Klitschko.

DEAN HENDLER/NBCUNIVERSAL/GETTY IMAGES

Hayden Panettiere in the premiere episode of "Heroes" in 2006. The role thrust the actress into the national spotlight.

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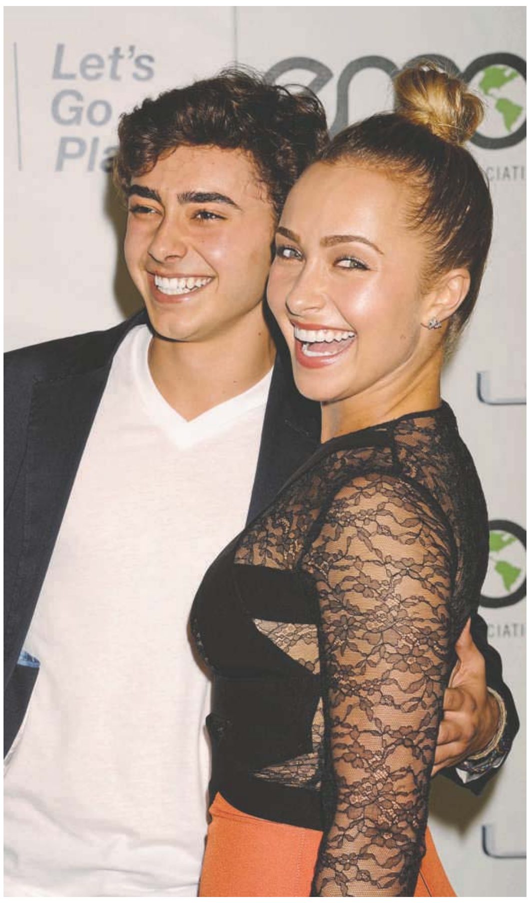
Ms. Panettiere with actor John Loprieno on "One Life to Live" in 1994. She was younger than 5 when she started on the soap opera.



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Ms. Panettiere with brother Jansen in 2013. Jansen died in 2023 at 28 from complications of an enlarged heart.

Spouse is unsure how to move forward after 40-year marriage suddenly sours

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: What should one consider if thinking about divorce? My spouse and I have been married for more than 40 years; the first 41 were very positive. We both worked so were not underfoot, were supportive and loving of each other and had many wonderful experiences.

Now over time in retirement, daily life has become unpleasant. We both had a major health issue and supported each other through it.

However, my spouse is generally negative and critical toward me, which is wearing on me. Couples therapy isn't an option.

Even though we have a wonderful history, I'm not sure I want to live the remainder of my life like this. I know I could get by financially, although the divorce process itself would undoubtedly be fraught.

However, I can't see what the future would look like alone as a currently active senior citizen, so I feel stuck. What can you suggest for me to help work through this decision?

— *On the Cusp*

Cusp: I'm sorry your marriage has become difficult for you. Changes in life can, of course, change the way marriages work; spouses have to endeavor to meet each other where they are throughout a union. But the negativity and criticalness your spouse is exhibiting makes that hard and it's not fair. This isn't healthy for either of you.

You write that couples counseling isn't an option. Is this because your spouse won't agree to go? That's a huge roadblock for many couples. If your spouse acknowledges that there is a problem but won't do anything to fix it, it puts you in a bind.

You do have options, however. First, you can explore therapy on your own. Even if you were going to couples counseling, I'd encourage you to also talk with someone one-on-one so that you can process your feelings and make plans for the future with clear eyes.

You might even tell your spouse that you're going to therapy and talk about why. You might explain that part of your motivation is because you want to have a better quality of life. It can become easy to take life, love and long-term companionship for granted. It's important to recognize that they are gifts and, with therapy, we can continue to appreciate them and navigate changes.

Also consider talking to a divorce attorney. This doesn't commit you to anything. Right now, the future probably looks daunting and hazy. Being able to think through your financial and legal position, as well as your possibilities for social support, will give you more information with which to make a decision.

Dear Eric: I qualify for a home cleaning service through a city program for low-income residents. They have different groups of contractors under one main organization. Seems like I get somebody from a different service every other week.

I assumed they would use the products I have on hand but one of them insisted that I had to give her $25 to buy the products she liked best, claiming that she didn't think anything I had was effective.

That really set me back. I know that I pay on a sliding scale and I couldn't afford to pay much before this started. But all of the other cleaners that come are willing to use what I already have.

I already hinted to the supervisor that I want the $25 to go toward my bill but she only agreed it was a big shock to me. I probably can't get a refund, plus she wanted me to drive to the store to buy the stuff. Is this fair? Can I do anything?

— *Not "Filthy" Rich*

Rich: The cleaner is entitled to her preference regarding products, but it doesn't sit right that she insisted you give her money. I hope, at least, she left the products in your home instead of taking them with her when she left.

However, if she was unwilling to do the cleaning with the products already available, she should have declined the placement or talked to the program supervisor about how to best set herself and the clients up for success.

Your recourse at this point is talking directly to the supervisor rather than hinting about your displeasure. Express your frustration about being charged extra, explain how this differs from what you would expect of this professional relationship, and ask that, in the future, you not be assigned any cleaners who will charge you extra.

It may not be within the program's purview or budget to refund you the money at this point, but it's worth asking what, if anything, they can do to help offset the unexpected cost.

Should this situation ever arise again, it's fine to politely decline and even forgo that week's cleaning before taking out your wallet.

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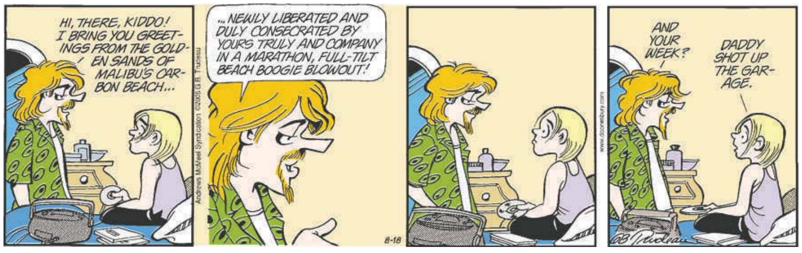
CLASSIC DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU


HI, THERE, KIDDO! I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM THE GOLDEN SANDS OF MALIBU'S CARBON BEACH...
...NEWLY LIBERATED AND DULY CONSECRATED BY YOURS TRULY AND COMPANY IN A MARATHON, FULL-TILT BEACH BOOGIE BLOWOUT!
AND YOUR WEEK?
DADDY SHOT UP THE GARAGE.
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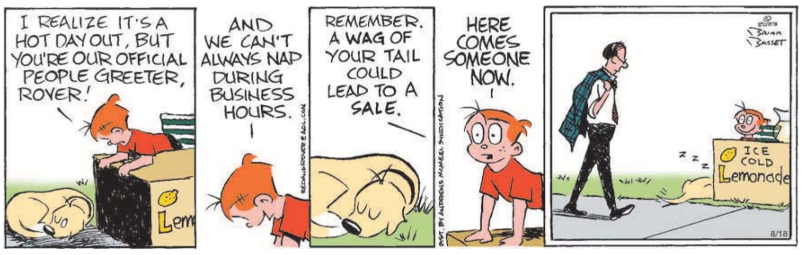
RED AND ROVER

BRIAN BASSET


I REALIZE IT'S A HOT DAY OUT, BUT YOU'RE OUR OFFICIAL PEOPLE GREETER, ROVER!
AND WE CAN'T ALWAYS NAP DURING BUSINESS HOURS.
REMEMBER. A WAG OF YOUR TAIL COULD LEAD TO A SALE.
HERE COMES SOMEONE NOW.
ICE COLD Lemonade
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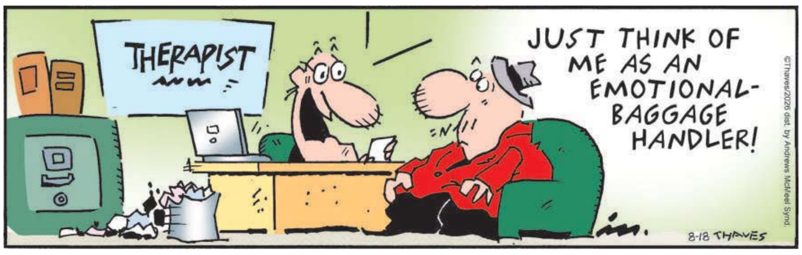
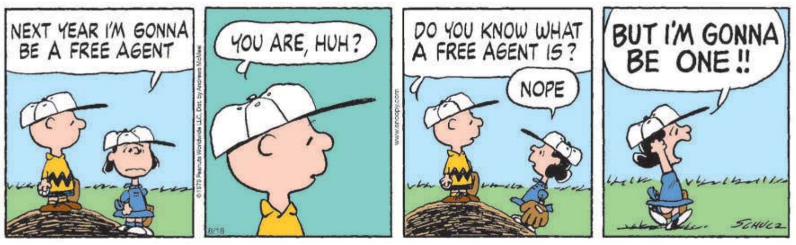
FRANK AND ERNEST

TOM THAVES


THERAPIST
JUST THINK OF ME AS AN EMOTIONAL-BAGGAGE HANDLER!
8-18 THAVES

CLASSIC PEANUTS

CHARLES SCHULZ


NEXT YEAR I'M GONNA BE A FREE AGENT
YOU ARE, HUH?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A FREE AGENT IS?
NOPE
BUT I'M GONNA BE ONE!!
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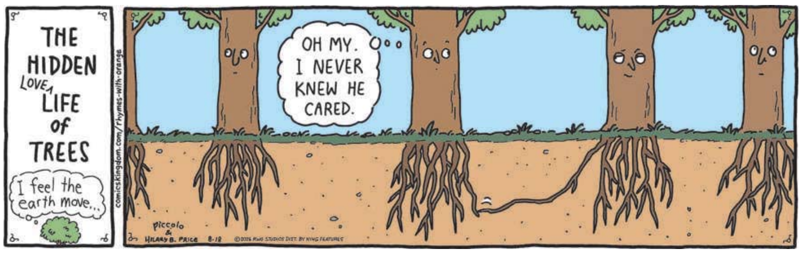
RHYMES WITH ORANGE

HILARY PRICE


THE HIDDEN LOVE LIFE of TREES
I feel the earth move...
OH MY. I NEVER KNEW HE CARED.
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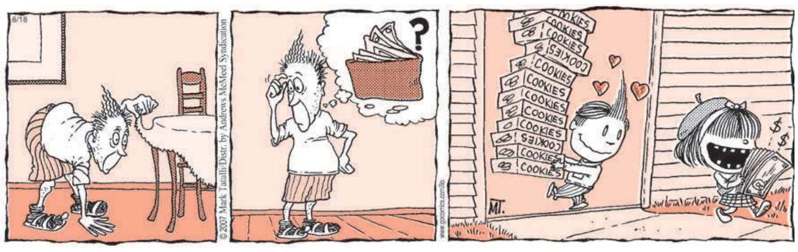
MARK TATULLI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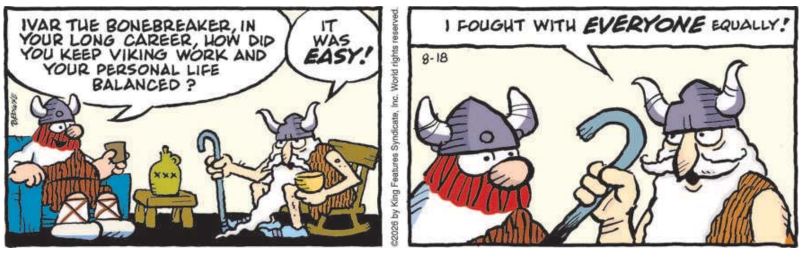
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

CHRIS BROWNE


IVAR THE BONEBREAKER, IN YOUR LONG CAREER, HOW DID YOU KEEP VIKING WORK AND YOUR PERSONAL LIFE BALANCED?
IT WAS EASY!
I FOUGHT WITH EVERYONE EQUALLY!
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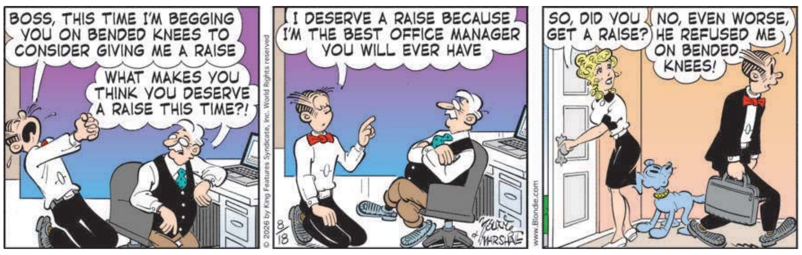
BLONDIE

DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL


BOSS, THIS TIME I'M BEGGING YOU ON BENDED KNEES TO CONSIDER GIVING ME A RAISE
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU DESERVE A RAISE THIS TIME?!
I DESERVE A RAISE BECAUSE I'M THE BEST OFFICE MANAGER YOU WILL EVER HAVE
SO, DID YOU GET A RAISE?
NO, EVEN WORSE, HE REFUSED ME ON BENDED KNEES!
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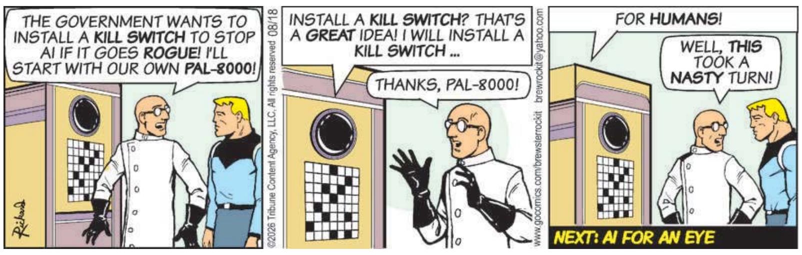
BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

TIM RICKARD


THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO INSTALL A KILL SWITCH TO STOP AI IF IT GOES ROGUE! I'LL START WITH OUR OWN PAL-8000!
INSTALL A KILL SWITCH? THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! I WILL INSTALL A KILL SWITCH ...
THANKS, PAL-8000!
FOR HUMANS!
WELL, THIS TOOK A NASTY TURN!
NEXT: AI FOR AN EYE
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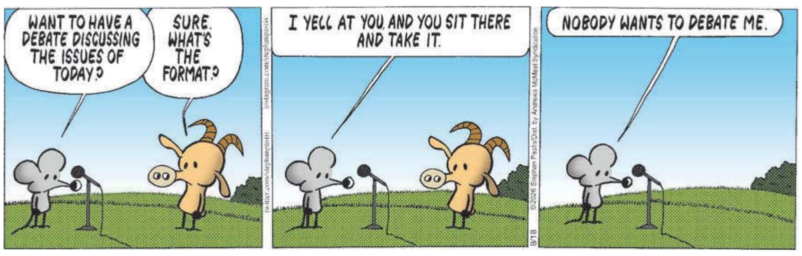
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

STEPHAN PASTIS


WANT TO HAVE A DEBATE DISCUSSING THE ISSUES OF TODAY?
SURE. WHAT'S THE FORMAT?
I YELL AT YOU AND YOU SIT THERE AND TAKE IT.
NOBODY WANTS TO DEBATE ME.
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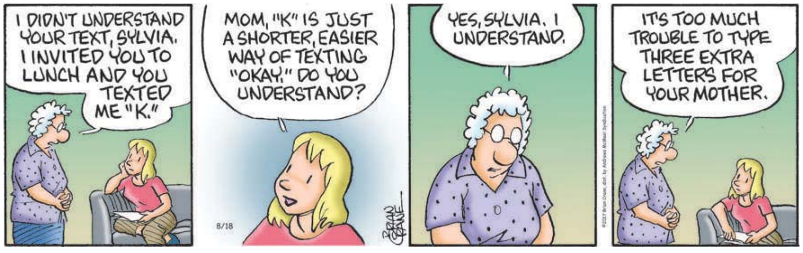
PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE


I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR TEXT, SYLVIA. I INVITED YOU TO LUNCH AND YOU TEXTED ME "K."
MOM, "K" IS JUST A SHORTER, EASIER WAY OF TEXTING "OKAY." DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES, SYLVIA. I UNDERSTAND.
IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO TYPE THREE EXTRA LETTERS FOR YOUR MOTHER.
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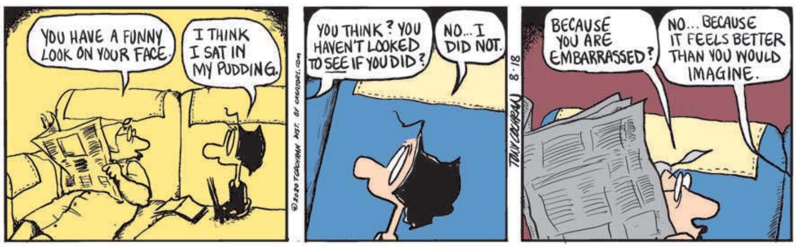
AGNES

TONY COCHRAN


YOU HAVE A FUNNY LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
I THINK I SAT IN MY PUDDING.
YOU THINK? YOU HAVEN'T LOOKED TO SEE IF YOU DID?
NO... I DID NOT.
BECAUSE YOU ARE EMBARRASSED?
NO... BECAUSE IT FEELS BETTER THAN YOU WOULD IMAGINE.
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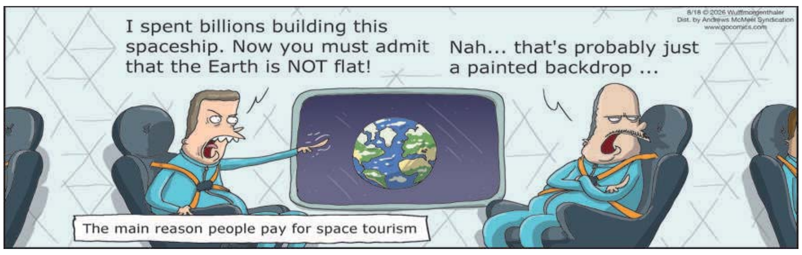
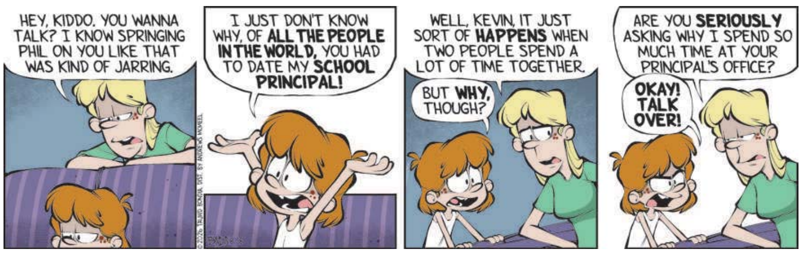
WUMO

MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALER


I spent billions building this spaceship. Now you must admit that the Earth is NOT flat!
Nah... that's probably just a painted backdrop ...
The main reason people pay for space tourism

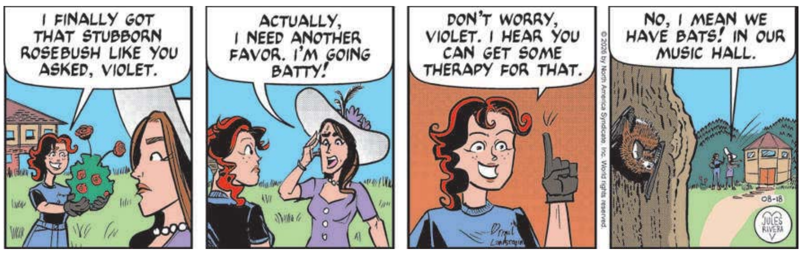
CRABGRASS

TAUHID BONDIA


HEY, KIDDO. YOU WANNA TALK? I KNOW SPRINGING PHIL ON YOU LIKE THAT WAS KIND OF JARRING.
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY, OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, YOU HAD TO DATE MY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL!
WELL, KEVIN, IT JUST SORT OF HAPPENS WHEN TWO PEOPLE SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER.
BUT WHY, THOUGH?
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY ASKING WHY I SPEND SO MUCH TIME AT YOUR PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE?
OKAY! TALK OVER!

MARK TRAIL

JULES RIVERA


I FINALLY GOT THAT STUBBORN ROSEBUSH LIKE YOU ASKED, VIOLET.
ACTUALLY, I NEED ANOTHER FAVOR. I'M GOING BATTY!
DON'T WORRY, VIOLET. I HEAR YOU CAN GET SOME THERAPY FOR THAT.
NO, I MEAN WE HAVE BATS! IN OUR MUSIC HALL.
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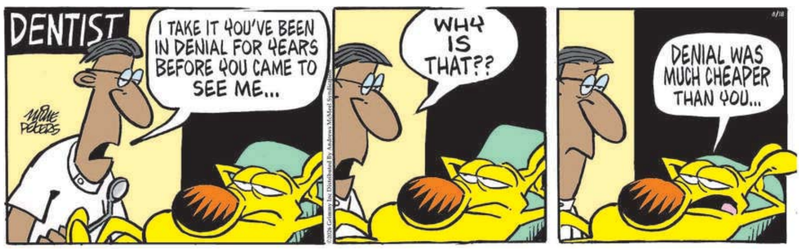
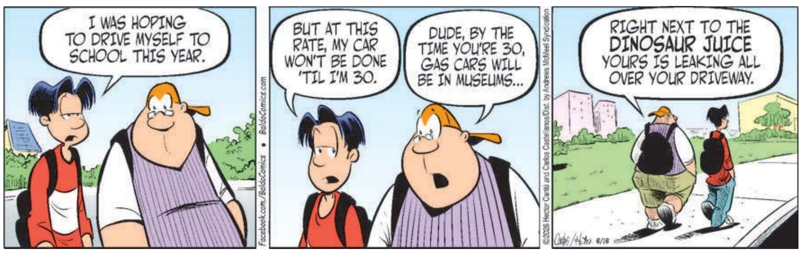
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MIKE PETERS


DENTIST
I TAKE IT YOU'VE BEEN IN DENIAL FOR YEARS BEFORE YOU CAME TO SEE ME...
WHY IS THAT??
DENIAL WAS MUCH CHEAPER THAN YOU...

BALDO

HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS


I WAS HOPING TO DRIVE MYSELF TO SCHOOL THIS YEAR.
BUT AT THIS RATE, MY CAR WON'T BE DONE 'TIL I'M 30.
DUDE, BY THE TIME YOU'RE 30, GAS CARS WILL BE IN MUSEUMS...
RIGHT NEXT TO THE DINOSAUR JUICE YOURS IS LEAKING ALL OVER YOUR DRIVEWAY.
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SALLY FORTH

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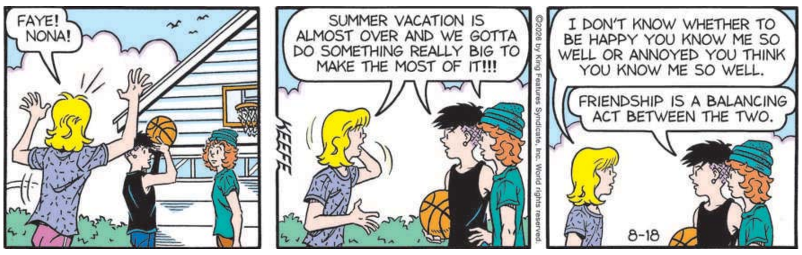
FAYE! NONA!
SUMMER VACATION IS ALMOST OVER AND WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING REALLY BIG TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT!!!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE HAPPY YOU KNOW ME SO WELL OR ANNOYED YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME SO WELL.
FRIENDSHIP IS A BALANCING ACT BETWEEN THE TWO.
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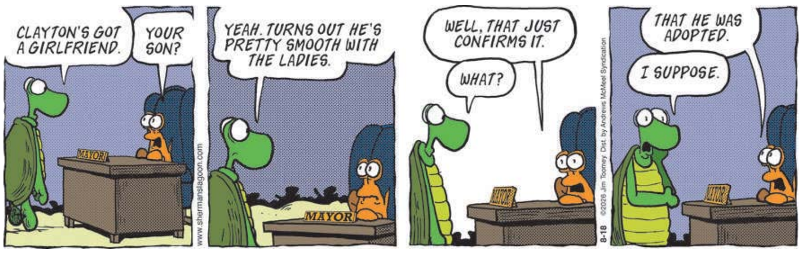
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

JIM TOOMEY


CLAYTON'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND.
YOUR SON?
YEAH. TURNS OUT HE'S PRETTY SMOOTH WITH THE LADIES.
WELL, THAT JUST CONFIRMS IT.
WHAT?
THAT HE WAS ADOPTED.
I SUPPOSE.
MAYOR
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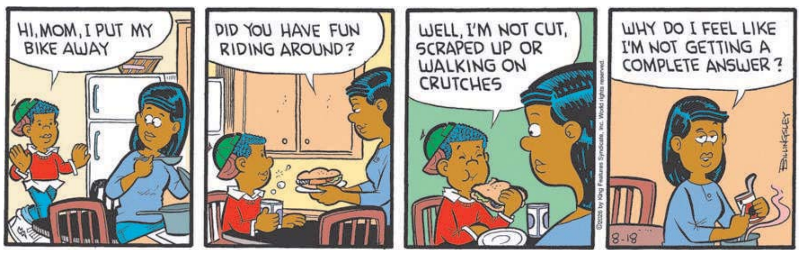
CURTIS

RAY BILLINGSLEY


HI, MOM, I PUT MY BIKE AWAY
DID YOU HAVE FUN RIDING AROUND?
WELL, I'M NOT CUT, SCRAPED UP OR WALKING ON CRUTCHES
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT GETTING A COMPLETE ANSWER?
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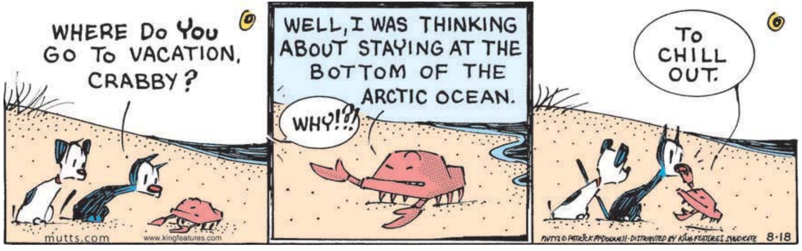
MUTTS

PATRICK McDONNELL


WHERE Do You GO To VACATION, CRABBY?
WELL, I WAS THINKING ABOUT STAYING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN.
WHY!?!
To CHILL OUT.
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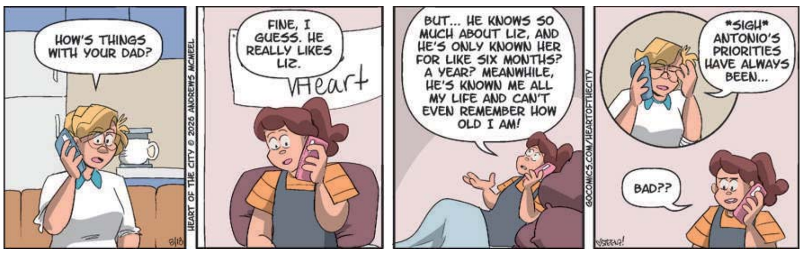
STEENZ


HOW'S THINGS WITH YOUR DAD?
FINE, I GUESS. HE REALLY LIKES LIZ.
BUT... HE KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT LIZ, AND HE'S ONLY KNOWN HER FOR LIKE SIX MONTHS? A YEAR? MEANWHILE, HE'S KNOWN ME ALL MY LIFE AND CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW OLD I AM!
SIGH ANTONIO'S PRIORITIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN...
BAD??
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FRAZZ

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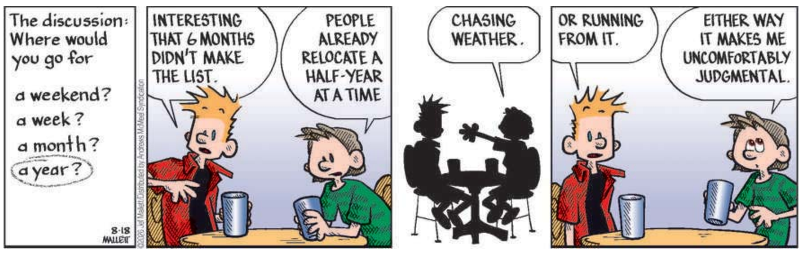
The discussion: Where would you go for
a weekend?
a week?
a month?
a year?
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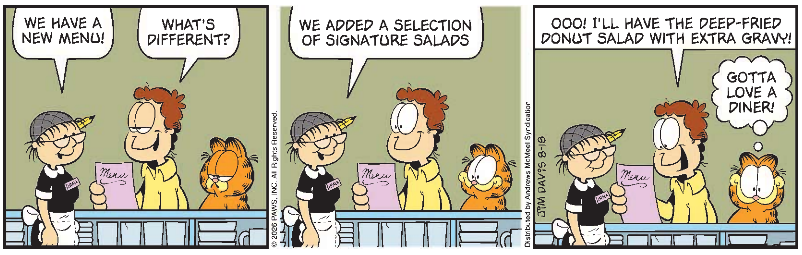
INTERESTING THAT 6 MONTHS DIDN'T MAKE THE LIST.
PEOPLE ALREADY RELOCATE A HALF-YEAR AT A TIME
CHASING WEATHER.
OR RUNNING FROM IT.
EITHER WAY IT MAKES ME UNCOMFORTABLY JUDGMENTAL.

GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS


WE HAVE A NEW MENU!
WHAT'S DIFFERENT?
Menu
WE ADDED A SELECTION OF SIGNATURE SALADS
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OOO! I'LL HAVE THE DEEP-FRIED DONUT SALAD WITH EXTRA GRAVY!
GOTTA LOVE A DINER!
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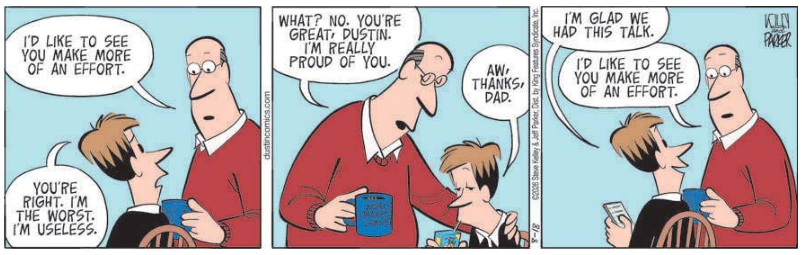
DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER


I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU MAKE MORE OF AN EFFORT.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M THE WORST. I'M USELESS.
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WHAT? NO. YOU'RE GREAT, DUSTIN. I'M REALLY PROUD OF YOU.
AW, THANKS, DAD.
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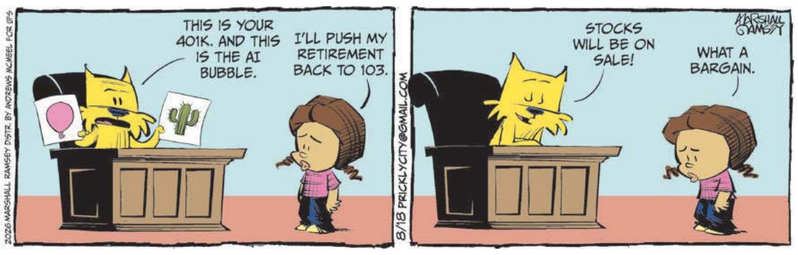
I'M GLAD WE HAD THIS TALK.
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU MAKE MORE OF AN EFFORT.
KELLEY PARKER

PRICKLY CITY

MARSHALL RAMSEY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THIS IS YOUR 401K. AND THIS IS THE AI BUBBLE.
I'LL PUSH MY RETIREMENT BACK TO 103.
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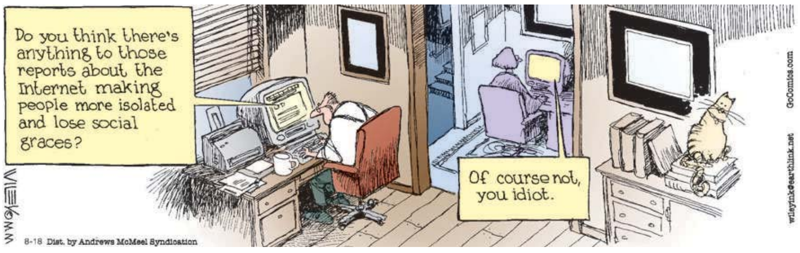
STOCKS WILL BE ON SALE!
WHAT A BARGAIN.
MARSHALL RAMSEY

NON SEQUITUR

WILEY


Do you think there's anything to those reports about the Internet making people more isolated and lose social graces?
Of course not, you idiot.
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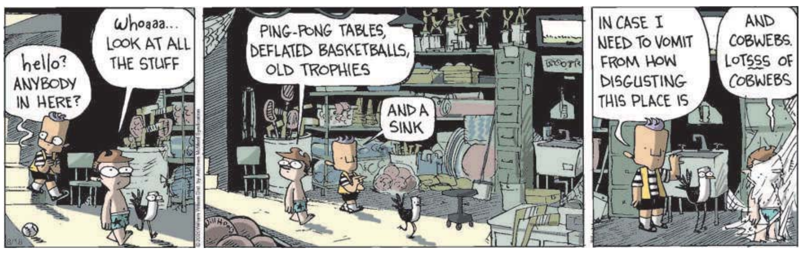
WALLACE THE BRAVE

WILL HENRY


hello? ANYBODY IN HERE?
Whoaaa... LOOK AT ALL THE STUFF
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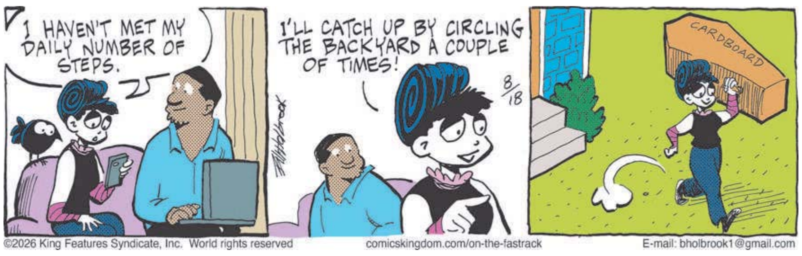
PING-PONG TABLES, DEFLATED BASKETBALLS, OLD TROPHIES
AND A SINK
IN CASE I NEED TO VOMIT FROM HOW DISGUSTING THIS PLACE IS
AND COBWEBS. LOTSSS OF COBWEBS

ON THE FASTRACK

BILL HOLBROOK


I HAVEN'T MET MY DAILY NUMBER OF STEPS.
I'LL CATCH UP BY CIRCLING THE BACKYARD A COUPLE OF TIMES!
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CARDBOARD

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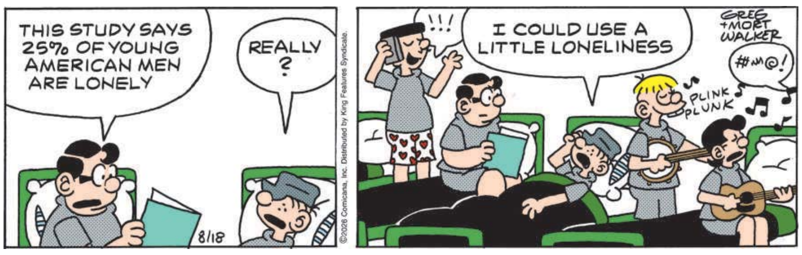
BEETLE BAILEY

GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER


THIS STUDY SAYS 25% OF YOUNG AMERICAN MEN ARE LONELY
REALLY?
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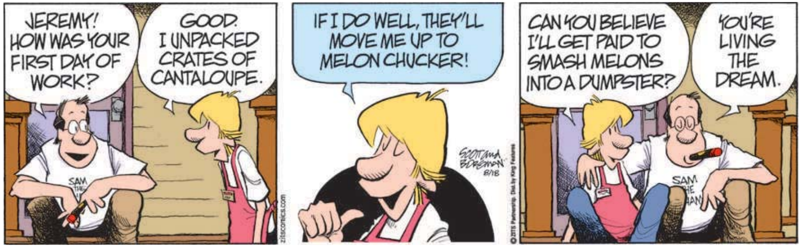
!!!
I COULD USE A LITTLE LONELINESS
GREG +MORT WALKER
#*@!
PLINK PLUNK

ZITS

JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN


JEREMY! HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY OF WORK?
GOOD. I UNPACKED CRATES OF CANTALOUPE.
SAM THE MAN
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IF I DO WELL, THEY'LL MOVE ME UP TO MELON CHUCKER!
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CAN YOU BELIEVE I'LL GET PAID TO SMASH MELONS INTO A DUMPSTER?
YOU'RE LIVING THE DREAM.
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JUDGE PARKER

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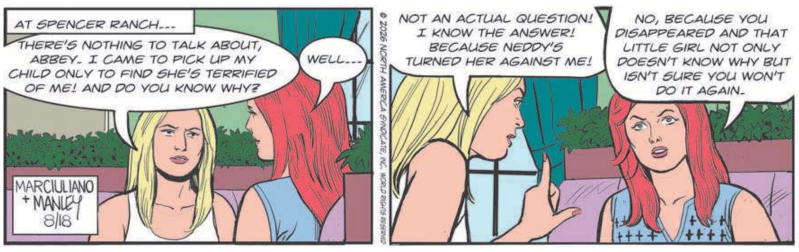
AT SPENCER RANCH...
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT, ABBEY. I CAME TO PICK UP MY CHILD ONLY TO FIND SHE'S TERRIFIED OF ME! AND DO YOU KNOW WHY?
WELL...
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 8/18
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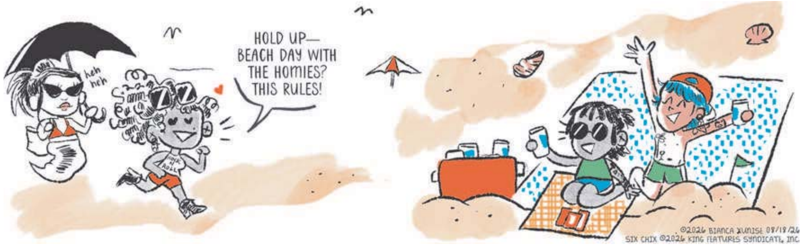
NOT AN ACTUAL QUESTION! I KNOW THE ANSWER! BECAUSE NEDDY'S TURNED HER AGAINST ME!
NO, BECAUSE YOU DISAPPEARED AND THAT LITTLE GIRL NOT ONLY DOESN'T KNOW WHY BUT ISN'T SURE YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN.

SIX CHIX

BANNERMAN, XUNISE, KONAR, LAWTON, PATRINOS & PIRO


heh heh
HOLD UP— BEACH DAY WITH THE HOMIES? THIS RULES!
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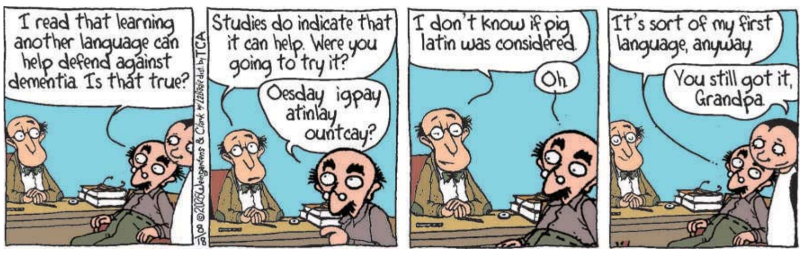
SIX CHIX ©2026 KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, INC.

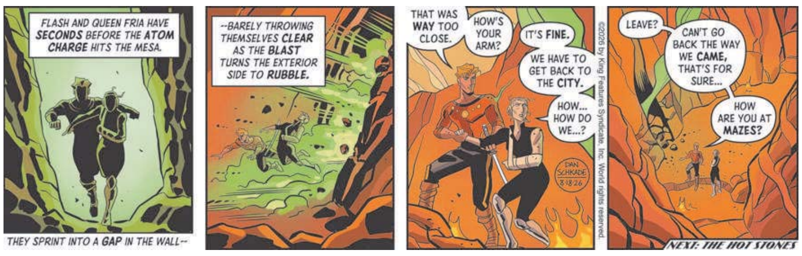
BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK


I read that learning another language can help defend against dementia. Is that true?
Studies do indicate that it can help. Were you going to try it?
Oesday igpay atinlay ountcay?
I don't know if pig latin was considered.
Oh.
It's sort of my first language, anyway.
You still got it, Grandpa.

FLASH GORDON

DAN SCHKADE


FLASH AND QUEEN FRIA HAVE SECONDS BEFORE THE ATOM CHARGE HITS THE MESA.
THEY SPRINT INTO A GAP IN THE WALL--
--BARELY THROWING THEMSELVES CLEAR AS THE BLAST TURNS THE EXTERIOR SIDE TO RUBBLE.
THAT WAS WAY TOO CLOSE.
HOW'S YOUR ARM?
IT'S FINE.
WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE CITY.
HOW... HOW DO WE...?
DAN SCHKADE 8·18·26
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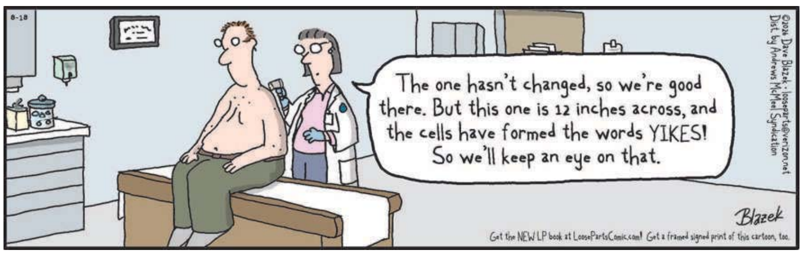
LEAVE?
CAN'T GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME, THAT'S FOR SURE...
HOW ARE YOU AT MAZES?
NEXT: THE HOT STONES

LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK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The one hasn't changed, so we're good there. But this one is 12 inches across, and the cells have formed the words YIKES! So we'll keep an eye on that.
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BABY BLUES

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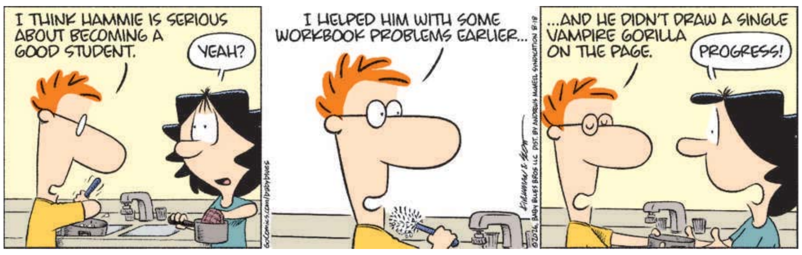
I THINK HAMMIE IS SERIOUS ABOUT BECOMING A GOOD STUDENT.
YEAH?
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I HELPED HIM WITH SOME WORKBOOK PROBLEMS EARLIER...
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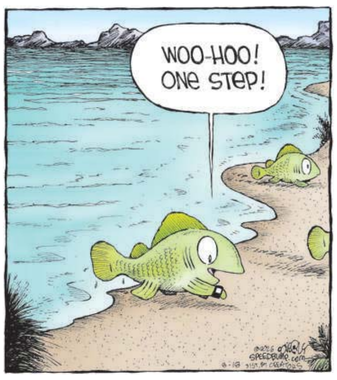
...AND HE DIDN'T DRAW A SINGLE VAMPIRE GORILLA ON THE PAGE.
PROGRESS!

SPEED BUMP

DAVE COVERLY


WOO-HOO! ONE STEP!
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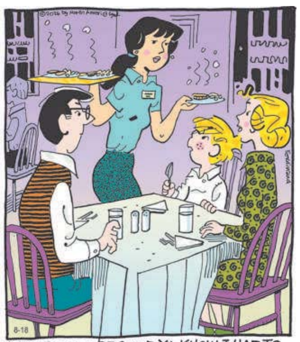
DENNIS THE MENACE

H. KETCHAM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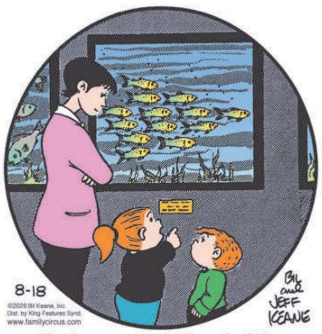
"THIS BETTER BE GOOD, YA KNOW, I HAD TO TAKE A **BATH** TO COME HERE!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

BIL KEANE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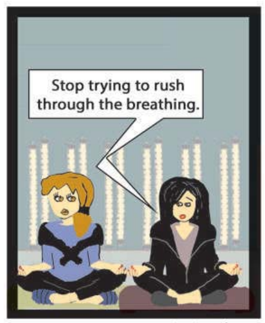
BIL and JEFF KEANE

"Is the one at the head of the school the principal?"

REPLY ALL LITE

DONNA A. LEWIS


Stop trying to rush through the breathing.

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4.2 WRC (IND)	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	George
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **Kitchen Nightmares**		♦ **Beat Shazam**		♦ **Fox 5 at 10**		♦ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ Jeopardy!	♦ R.J. Decker		♦ Will Trent		♦ Will Trent		♦ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ Inside	♦ **ET**	♦ NCIS		♦ NCIS: Origins		♦ NCIS: Origins		♦ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **Rosa**		♦ **Tan cerca**		♦ **Guardián de mi vida**		♦ **Corazón de oro**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ Chicago
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Farm	♦ Outdoors	♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ American Masters				♦ **Amanp..**
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS News Hour**		♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ American Masters				♦ **Amanp..**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ Sacred	♦ Hometo..	♦ Ends of Earth		♦ Nature		♦ Coyote Crossing		♦ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Friends	♦ Friends	♦ **WWE NXT** (Live)				♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Neighbor
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago
A&E	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent
AMC	(5:30) Movie: My Cousin Vinny (1992)		Movie: Bad Boys ★★ (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.					Movie: Bad Boys II ★★ (2003)	
Animal Planet	Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		**Ms. Pat**	**ComicVi..**	Martin	Martin	Martin
Bravo	The Real Housewives: Ultimate Girls Trip		**The Real Housewives of London**		(:05) **The Real Housewives**		(:05) The Real Housewives		(:05) Housewi..
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
CNN	**Election N** (Live)		**Election N** (Live)		**Election N** (Live)		**Election N** (Live)		**Election N**
Comedy Central	(6:30) Fa..	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
Discovery	(6:00) **Homestead**		**Homestead Rescue: Intervention**				Homestead Rescue: Intervention		
Disney	Big City	Big City	Movie: Beauty & the Beast (1991)			Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Ladybug
E!	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	**Cocktail**	**Cocktail**	Cocktail
ESPN	**WNBA Basketball** Indiana Fever at Toronto Tempo (Live)				**WNBA Basketball** Atlanta Dream at Las Vegas Aces (Live)				**SportCtr** (Live)
ESPN2	NFL Live		30 for 30 The Tuck Rule		**NFL Great**	E60		E60	
Food Network	Chopped		**Beat Bobby Flay**		**Kitchen Undercover**		BeatBobby	BeatBobby	BeatBobby
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(6:00) Movie: The Princess Diaries ★★ (2001)			Movie: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement ★★ (2004)					The 700 Club
FX	(5:30) Movie: Avengers: Infinity War ★★★ (2018)				Movie: Avengers: Endgame ★★★ (2019) The Avengers prepare for an epic showdown with Thanos.				
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Snowkissed (2021)		Movie: Two for Tee (2026) Tee and Will work to save a community center from closure.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	(6:00) Fixer Upper Mysteries		Family Practice Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote		Murder ...
HBO	(6:35) Movie: Ready Player One ★★★ (2018)				**Hard Knocks: Seattle Seahawks**		Lanterns		Seah-awks
HGTV	Love It or List It		**Love It or List It**		**Extreme Buyers Club**		**House**	House	House
History	Skinwalker Ranch		Skinwalker Ranch		**Skinwalker** (SF)		**Skinwalk..**	**Proof-There**	
Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle
MASN	(6:30) **MLB Baseball**				**O's Xtra**	SportsWrap		Wall to Wall Baseball	
Monumental	Hometown	Caps	The Stanley Pup			Drive to	Drive to	Drive to	Caps
MSNBC	**The Weeknight** (Live)		**All in With Chr.** (Live)		**The Briefing** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**The 11th**
MTV	Caught in Act		**Caught in Act** (SP)		Caught in Act		Caught in Act		Unfaithful
Nat'l Geographic	Vikings: The Rise		Vikings: The Rise		Vikings: The Rise		Vikings: The Rise		Vikings
Nickelodeon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	BigBang	BigBang
NWSN	**Vargas Report**		**Cuomo**		**On Balance**		**Katie Pavlich**		**JesseWeb**
Paramount	(6:00) Movie: Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore ★★ (2022)					(:25) Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ★★★ (2001)			
Paramount+Sho	(6:00) Movie: Time Traveler's Wife (2009)		Movie: The Dutchman (2025)			(:35) Movie: Body Cam (2020)			(:15) Movie: P...
Syfy	(6:00) Movie: F9 The Fast Saga ★★ (2021)				Movie: Cloud Atlas ★★ (2012) Actions in one time ripple across the centuries.				
TBS	Big Bang	**Leadoff**	**MLB Baseball** Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs (Live)						**MLBClose**
TCM	(6:00) Movie: The Way We Were (1973)		Movie: Out of Africa ★★★ (1985) Based on Isak Dinesen's account of her plantation life.						Movie: Sting (1...
TLC	Baylen Out Loud		**Baylen Out Loud**		**Baylen Out Loud**		**Jay & Pamela**		(:05) Little
TNT	(5:15) Movie: O...	(:45) Movie: The Equalizer ★★ (2014) A former commando champions the helpless.						Movie: Ocean's Eleven ★★★ (2001)	
Travel	A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting		A Haunting
TruTV	Foul Play	**Leadoff**	**MLB Baseball** Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs (Live)						**MLBClose**
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USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU
VH1	My Wife	My Wife	Movie: Selena ★★★ (1997)						Movie
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8	5	9	6	1	3	4	7	2

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A_1 I_1 O_1 R_1 N_1 K_5 D_2 RACK 3

A_1 I_1 U_1 H_4 T_1 M_3 Z_{10} 2nd Letter Triple RACK 4

PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 234

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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F_4 I_1 L_1 I_1 A_1 T_1 E_1 RACK 4 = 64
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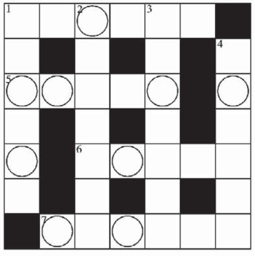
JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt 8-18-26



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Stick	DAEHER
5. Departing	NGIGO
6. ____ Burstyn	EENLL
7. Jordan neighbor	ESIALR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Disputed	REAGUD
2. Female beneficiary	ESSEHIR
3. Symbols of royalty	LREAIGA
4. Kitchen pouring tool	FLENUN

CLUE: He was a two-time MLB American League Most Valuable Player.

BONUS ○○○ ○○○○○○

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Adhere 5A-Going 6A-Ellen 7A-Israel 1D-Argued 2D-Heiress 3D-Regalia 4D-Funnel B-Lou Gehrig

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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 18: You're farsighted, benevolent and progressive. An independent thinker, you want to improve the lives of others. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle. Take inventory of your life. Let go of people, places and things that held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Commune with nature.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
This is a passionate, intense day. Although your impulse is to play and socialize, check out the temperature of the room first. Increased chaos and activity at home are challenging. But, fortunately, fair Venus opposite your sign promotes warmth in all your relations.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Today you might have to go more than halfway when dealing with others because the Moon is opposite your sign. Be cooperative and accommodating. Family discussions will be upbeat; however, someone might be stubborn. Work-related relations are mutually supportive.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
What you need today is for someone to listen to you. (You like to share your ideas.) You also like to learn new things. Today your first impulse is to be of service to others or to help someone if you can. However, steer clear of intense discussions.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
With fiery Mars in your sign, you have lots of energy today! Although you have a strong focus on money, earnings and cash flow, social outings will appeal to you. Check out sports events, movies, fun get-togethers and playful activities with kids.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Home and family have your attention today. Or perhaps you want to keep a low profile. A discussion with a female family member is likely. Fortunately, with fair Venus in your House of Communications, things will flow smoothly.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today when talking to others, you want to have a real, meaningful conversation, not just superficial chitchat. Therefore, seek out someone who is willing to have a dialogue with you. In particular, competitive sports, athletics and group activities will appeal.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today you have a tendency to identify with your possessions. You might consider buying wardrobe items. You probably will like what you see in the mirror. You might shop for a new look that you want to assume. (Of course, Oscar Wilde said, "Be yourself; everyone else is taken.")

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight edge over all the other signs. However, this can make you more emotional than usual. Meanwhile, you create a great impression on everyone because the Sun is casting you in a flattering spotlight. A favorable situation!

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You're keen to get out of town or find a change of scenery. Nevertheless, today in particular, you're happy to be low-key and work alone or behind the scenes. Disputes about taxes, debt, credit or shared property might arise. Fortunately, relations with friends and groups are cozy.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today you're giving thought to your friendships, which is why your contact between yourself and a friend might be deeper than usual. You might even feel supportive or protective of someone. Be patient with partners and close friends, because Mars opposite your sign might be testy.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Keep in mind that you need more sleep this week. Fortunately, fiery Mars will help you work with vigor! Go figure.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
You're happy to work and accomplish things this week. You're also open to socializing and checking out competitive sports. But today you want to do something different. You want to break free from your routine. Travel would be a nice option. If you can't travel, then be a tourist in your own city.

— Georgia Nicols

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ Q J 5
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q J 8 3

WEST
♠ None
♥ A Q J 10 5 3 2
♦ Q 7 5 4
♣ 6 4

EAST
♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K 9 8
♦ 6
♣ A 10 9 7 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K 9 7 6 2
♥ None
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ K 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 ♣	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	5 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ A

Cy the Cynic's team had lost a match in my club's knockout teams — by one IMP.

"We led by four with one deal left," Cy told me. "At one table, my East-West teammates played at five hearts doubled. North led a trump and beat it one trick."

"What happened with you?"

"I played at five spades as South," the Cynic said. "I ruffed West's ace of hearts and led a trump to dummy. When West showed out, I let the 10 of diamonds ride. West won and forced with another heart."

"I drew trumps," Cy went on, "and had none left. I ran the diamonds but lost the last two tricks: East had the ace of clubs and a heart. We were minus 100 at both tables and lost five IMPs."

When Cy sees the 4-0 trump break, he must lead a low club from dummy. If East ducks, Cy takes the king, draws trumps and loses one diamond and one club. If instead East grabs his ace to lead another heart, Cy ruffs and can arrange to pitch two diamonds on the Q-J of clubs. He loses one diamond at the end.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ None ♥ A Q J 10 5 3 2
♦ Q 7 5 4 ♣ 6 4

Both sides vulnerable. You deal and open four hearts, the next player bids four spades and your partner doubles. What do you say?

ANSWER: Apologies to my readers for posing a non-problem. Pass (without looking at your hand). Your preempt showed your hand, more or less, and partner is in charge. He may have four spades beaten badly. To bid again would betray a lack of partnership trust.

— Frank Stewart

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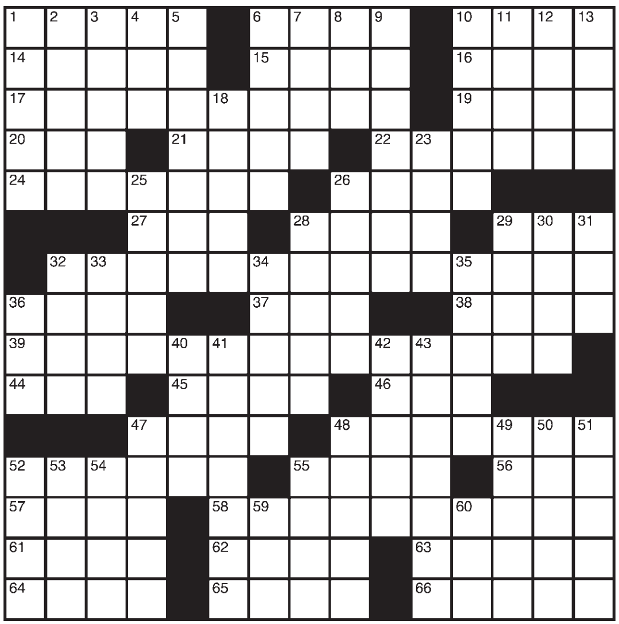
LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Seth Bisen-Hersh



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ACROSS

1 Ed of "Lou Grant"
6 Flower holder
10 Baseball officials
14 Stir up
15 Bar mitzvah dance
16 Bean fermented to make miso
17 *Be a little nosy
19 __ a living
20 Yale student
21 Song for two
22 Apple Music predecessor
24 Whys and wherefores
26 Invitation letters
27 Toward the stern
28 Store
29 Acai bowl grain
32 *Music, dance, drama, and the like
36 Penne __ vodka
37 + or - atomic particle
38 Self-referential
39 *Squeeze-box instrument with a keyboard
44 "__-Hur"
45 Move like a spooked horse, maybe
46 McKellen of "X-Men"
47 Alien-hunting subj.
48 Royalties, e.g.
52 Deli order
55 Ultrasoft mineral
56 More, on a music score
57 "Growing Pains" actor Thicke
58 *Public relations manager
61 Suppressed, with "up"
62 Toward sunrise
63 Ore finder
64 On a trawler, say
65 Gains after taxes
66 Bamboo-loving bear, or, when parsed in three parts, a feature of the answers to the starred clues

DOWN

1 According to
2 Took without asking
3 Big name in brick phones
4 __ out a living
5 List, as names during roll call
6 Footwear
7 Sell aggressively
8 Directional suffix
9 Wisconsin's capital
10 Drain completely
11 Kvetch
12 Funeral pile
13 Comic __: informal typeface
18 Reach a cost of
23 Rating for many shows aired at 8 p.m.
25 Plastic wrap brand
26 Big horned animal
28 Recommended garment when using glitter glue
29 Double Stuf cookie
30 Env. directive
31 Bag-screening org
32 Part of a glissade, in ballet
33 Dynamism
34 Christina who played Wednesday Addams and appeared on "Wednesday"
35 __ acid
36 PD alert
40 Listen to
41 Signature replicator
42 Iranian currency
43 Summer childcare option
47 Christmas cookie receiver
48 Histories
49 Philly Ivy League sch.
50 Like a fork
51 "Kama __"
52 West Coast wine region
53 Fútbol cheers
54 Locks on a mustang
55 Exam
59 "Insecure" star Issa
60 Supermodel Carangi

MONDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

C	A	R	D	S	■	H	E	R	E	■	S	O	S	A
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The Washington Post
SPORTS
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O.J. BRIGANCE | 1969-2026

ALS battle made former Raven a revered figure

BY **BRIAN WACKER**
Baltimore Sun

O.J. Brigance, a former Ravens linebacker and their longtime senior adviser to player development, died, the team said Monday evening.

Brigance battled ALS for the past 19 years. He was 56.

“For 22 years, we’ve been blessed to have O.J. as a teammate, friend and brother. It’s a sad day, but also a celebration of all the gifts that O.J. bestowed upon our team and our city and the entire NFL community.” Ravens general manager Eric DeCosta said in a statement. “O.J. inspired us with humility, faithfulness, determination, competitiveness and love for humankind.

BALTIMORE SUN/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE/GETTY IMAGES

O.J. Brigance was diagnosed with ALS after a seven-year career that included winning a Super Bowl ring with Baltimore in 2000.

“We never once saw O.J. angry or frustrated by his disease. Instead, we all witnessed a hero who influenced so many people through his unwavering optimism and grit. O.J. Brigance is the definition of what it means to live like a Raven. I will miss his smile and the twinkle of joy in his eyes.”

Brigance, one of the most revered figures in the organization and a source of inspiration to players, coaches and team officials, was diagnosed with ALS at age 38 following a seven-year NFL career with the Miami Dolphins, Ravens, St. Louis Rams and New England Patriots.

He was also a member of Baltimore’s 2000 Super Bowl championship team. Brigance had a team-high 10 tackles on special teams during the playoffs that season, which culminated in a 34-7 win over the New York Giants for the organization’s first title.

“We are devastated by the awful news that we have lost O.J. Brigance,” Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti said in a statement. “O.J. was a beloved legend, mentor and man. … Known for his big smile and welcoming nature, it was easy to feel a special connection with O.J. from the moment you met him. His infectious smile and the inspirational way he lived and played endeared him to everyone he touched, both inside our building and across this city.”

SEE **BRIGANCE** ON **B9**

ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH/USA TODAY NETWORK

Ohio State starts the season No. 1 for the ninth time, and first since 2015, but the Buckeyes get an early challenge when they visit preseason No. 5 Texas on Sept. 12.

Big Ten lands one-two punch

Ohio State and Oregon hold the top spots in the AP preseason poll, while the SEC has five teams in the top 10

BY **ERIC OLSON**
Associated Press

Ohio State and Oregon were 1-2 in the Associated Press Top 25 released Monday, giving the Big Ten the top two teams in the preseason rankings for the first time in 65 years and just the second time ever.

The Buckeyes received 40 first-place votes and Oregon received 14 in voting by 69 media members who cover college football.

Ohio State will go into a season No. 1 for the ninth time and the first since 2015. The Buckeyes are now tied with Alabama for the second-most preseason No. 1 rankings behind Oklahoma’s 10.

Oregon has its highest preseason ranking in program history after having opened No. 3 four times.

Georgia, Notre Dame and Texas round out the top five. Defending national champion Indiana starts at No. 6 and is followed by Miami, Texas A&M, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Notre Dame received six first-place votes, Indiana got eight and Miami one.

This is the first year a conference has held down the top two spots in the preseason poll since Oklahoma and Nebraska of the Big Eight were 1-2 in 1987.

The last time the Big Ten had the Nos. 1 and 2 teams in the preseason was 1961, when Iowa and Ohio State topped the poll. The Hawkeyes lost four of their last five games after a 4-0 start and finished that season unranked. The Buckeyes went 8-0-1 and ended the season No. 2 behind unbeaten Alabama.

The Big Ten has won three straight College Football Playoff championships (Michigan, Ohio State, Indiana) and will be going for an unprecedented fourth straight national title. This is the fourth consecutive year the Big Ten has had two of the top three teams in the preseason rankings.

The SEC leads all conferences with nine teams in the preseason Top 25, marking the third straight year it has had at least that many. Five of the top 10 teams are from the SEC for the first time since 2013.

Four Big 12 teams are ranked, with conference champion Texas Tech the highest at No. 12. The ACC has three ranked teams, with the Hurricanes joined by No. 19 SMU and No. 24 Louisville.

SEE **POLL** ON **B9**

Morgan State hopes it’s found the winning Edge at QB

After stints at Maryland and Eastern Michigan, the former four-star prospect thinks the third school’s the charm

BY **EDWARD LEE**
Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Cameron Edge is getting what he has envisioned for a long time: a shot at starting quarterback at the collegiate level.

But Edge hasn’t earned that opportunity at Maryland, where he spent his first three years, or at Eastern Michigan, where he spent last fall. Instead, he is poised to open the season as the starter at Morgan State when the Bears travel to North Carolina A&T on Aug. 29 for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Edge, a 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior from Clayton, Delaware, is eager for the chance.

“It’s been really fun to come back,” he said Sunday afternoon during the team’s media day inside Edward P. Hurt Gymnasium in Baltimore. “I get to go home all the time, see my family all the time. So that’s been good, and I just really love being around this group of guys. Can’t stress that enough.”

Edge might be the best-credentialed quarterback the Bears have had in recent memory. He was a four-star prospect out of high school, and ESPN rated him the No. 11 quarterback in the country.

Morgan State Coach Damon Wilson wasn’t ready to call Edge the best quarterback he’s had during his six-year tenure with the program.

But he acknowledged his excitement to see Edge take the field this season.

“I think he has a great skill set, and I think when it’s all said and done, he can definitely be that [quarterback], and I feel the same way about some other guys in that room as well,” he said. “But he’s the guy that’s up right now to take advantage.”

From 2022 to 2024, Edge backed up Terps quarterbacks Taulia Tagovailoa and Billy Edwards Jr.

One of his favorite memories involved completing 4 of 6 passes for 82 yards and his first career touchdown pass to wide receiver Kaden Prather at the Music City Bowl in 2023.

But with then-freshman Malik Washington set to join the program after the 2024 season, Edge — who said he is still close to redshirt senior tight end

SEE **EDGE** ON **B9**

Stevens is set to take over as kicker

Rookie’s strong camp prompts Commanders to release veteran Moody

BY **TASHAN REED**

Rookie Drew Stevens has won the Washington Commanders’ kicking competition.

That was made official when the Commanders released veteran Jake Moody on Monday, according to three people familiar with the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal team matters.

While both kickers made their lone field goal attempts in the Commanders’ preseason opener Friday, a 20-7 win over the Miami Dolphins, Stevens had been significantly more accurate throughout training camp practices.

Moody signed with the Commanders in November after being released by the San Francisco 49ers and Chicago Bears. Although he went on to make 10 of 11 field goals and 10 of 11 extra points, Washington still brought in competition this offseason.

Stevens joined the Commanders as an undrafted free agent in April after wrapping up a four-year career at Iowa. He had an up-and-down tenure there and made only 80 percent of his field goals but displayed enough talent to earn an NFL shot.

Now, the 22-year-old has come out on top in what was arguably Washington’s most important position battle of training camp. Kicker has been a revolving door for the Commanders, who have used seven players at the position over the past two seasons. Now, they’re hoping Stevens brings that uncertainty to an end.

Commanders at Lions
Saturday, noon, CBS

AL clubs in the hunt in spite of best efforts

BY **DAVID BRANDT**
Associated Press

The middle of the American League standings has turned into a mediocre mess.

It might make for a fascinating playoff race.

THIS WEEK ON BASEBALL

There are seven teams fighting for the AL’s final wild-card spot, and all of them have a record below .500.

The Baltimore Orioles would make the playoffs if the season ended Sunday, sporting a 61-63 record entering Monday’s games.

Right behind them: the Texas Rangers (61-64), Toronto Blue Jays (61-65), Detroit Tigers (60-64), Minnesota Twins (60-65), Cleveland Guardians (60-65) and Seattle Mariners (59-66). The Houston Astros could be in the mix as well with a 63-62 record that gives them a narrow advantage in the AL West.

Many of those teams were sellers at the trade deadline this month.

The Blue Jays traded outfielder Daulton Varsho to the Astros, the Orioles traded former No. 1 pick Adley Rutschman to the Boston Red Sox and the Tigers dealt ace Tarik Skubal to the Los Angeles Dodgers and right-hander Casey Mize to the San Diego Padres.

Now, at least one of those clubs might find itself playing baseball in October anyway.

Only three teams in MLB history have made the playoffs with a losing record, and all of them happened during seasons when the schedule was much shorter

SEE **BASEBALL** ON **B11**

THE DAY IN SPORTS

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A quick siesta

Holger Rune, left, and Carlos Alcaraz kick back after their training session at Real Sociedad Club De Campo in Murcia, Spain.

SPOTLIGHT: PRO BASKETBALL

Jeanie Buss fights family sale of Lakers stake

BY THUC NHI NGUYEN

New majority owners reportedly are buying shares from team governor's siblings

LOS ANGELES — Jeanie Buss is fighting back after her siblings reportedly voted to sell the family's remaining stake in the Lakers on Monday.

The team's governor, through her attorney, sent a letter to her brothers' attorneys stating any votes to sell the Buss family's remaining 17.8 percent stake in the team to new majority owners Bob Iger and Joshua Kushner are void because the sale cannot be completed without approval of current co-trustees Jeanie and her younger siblings, Janie and Joey.

ESPN reported Monday that the six Buss family siblings — who took over team ownership after their father, Jerry Buss, died in 2013 — are selling their shares of the Lakers to Iger and Kushner following a family vote. Iger, the longtime Disney chief executive, and Kushner, a venture capitalist and entrepreneur, agreed last week to buy Mark Walter's controlling stake of the Lakers for a record valuation of $12.5 billion.

The transactions still need to be approved by the NBA board of governors. Jeanie, who remained the Lakers governor even after Walter's purchase of the team was approved last October, would no longer be eligible to serve on the board if the Buss family sells its shares.

"The co-trustees are bound to vote the Los Angeles Lakers, Inc. shares to ensure that the minimum 15 percent ownership requirement is maintained in order to ensure that Jeanie Buss may remain controlling owner," the letter from Buss's attorney reads, citing a 2017 court ruling outlining Jeanie's role. "Any attempt by the co-trustees to do otherwise and any attempt to aid or abet the co-trustees as such would constitute a breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty and be in contempt of court."

In a statement to ESPN about the sale, the Buss family said: "We have decided as a family to sell the remaining Buss Family Trust shares to the Bob Iger group as part of the ongoing transaction. We love the Lakers, Laker fans and will continue to support Los Angeles; but it is time to use this opportunity to move on and exit gracefully while we still can."

The Buss family has owned the team since 1979, when Jerry bought the franchise, The Forum and the Los Angeles Kings for $67.5 million. The family patriarch leveraged Hollywood glamour with entertainment spectacle to make the Lakers an internationally recognized brand.

Each of Buss's six children — Jeanie, Jim, Johnny, Janie, Joey and Jesse — held titles in the organization. Jeanie was her father's hand-picked successor. Despite being one of the most recognizable franchises in the world, the Lakers were a family-run business, complete with occasional squabbles.

Jeanie fought to maintain her position through legal battles against older brothers Johnny and Jim, eventually ousting them from team operations. Joey and Jessie, the two youngest, were fired last November. Joey was the team's alternate governor and vice president of research and development, and Jesse was the assistant general manager. Janie held an administrative role directing the team's charitable services.

— Los Angeles Times

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

6:30 p.m.	**Toronto at Tampa Bay** » MLB Network
6:35 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
8 p.m.	**Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs** » TBS
8:05 p.m.	**Washington at Texas** » Nationals.TV, WJFK (106.7 FM)

WNBA

7 p.m.	**Indiana at Toronto** » ESPN
9 p.m.	**Atlanta at Las Vegas** » ESPN

SOCCER

6 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana round of 16, second leg: Boca Juniors at Deportivo Recoleta** » BeIN Sports
8:30 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores round of 16, second leg: Deportes Tolima at Independiente del Valle** » BeIN Sports

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Cincinnati Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

BASEBALL

6 p.m.	**American Legion World Series, final: Oregon vs. TBD** » ESPNU

SOCCER

Executive is out at FIFA after blasting Infantino

FIFA said Monday that chief operating officer **Kevin Lamour** has left the governing body, weeks after he publicly criticized President **Gianni Infantino**'s plan to sell a stake in its tournament business, including the World Cup.

"FIFA can confirm that the working relationship between FIFA and Kevin Lamour as FIFA's Chief Operating Officer has ended on 17 August 2026," a FIFA spokesperson said.

"FIFA thanks Kevin for his two years of service and wishes him the best of luck for the future. No further comment will be made on the matter," the spokesperson added.

FIFA Secretary General **Mattias Grafstrom** informed staff and council members of Lamour's departure in a letter Monday, saying the two sides had "agreed to part ways" following recent discussions, Sky News reported.

Lamour had publicly criticized the proposal last month, saying FIFA staff had been "deceived" over the plan and describing it as "the project of one person."

"Our mission ... is to serve football. Not to serve the personal interests of a person who, unfortunately, believes he embodies FIFA when he is supposed to be at its service," Lamour said in a statement at the time.

Lamour's comments came hours after **Carlos Cordeiro**, a senior adviser to Infantino, resigned in protest at the proposal, calling it "a bad deal for football."

Lamour joined FIFA in November 2024, having previously been part of Infantino's inner circle that campaigned for his election as president in 2016.

The internal dissent came as FIFA faced widespread opposition to its plan to create a $20 billion subsidiary to run its tournaments, including the World Cup, and sell up to a 20 percent stake to external investors. FIFA subsequently abandoned the proposal following the backlash. ...

Former Belgium coach **Rudi Garcia** said the team's efforts at the World Cup were hampered by its medical team.

Garcia did not have his contract renewed after the tournament. In his first interview since, he blamed the team's medical staff for setbacks that he claimed led to an unconvincing tournament, even if Belgium got to the quarterfinals.

"We put our World Cup at risk due to certain injuries and illnesses that were not handled correctly," he told the Brussels newspaper Le Soir. ...

Real Madrid sold center forward **Jacobo Ortega** to French club Strasbourg, which recouped more then five times the transfer fee by selling two players to Ipswich.

Strasbourg, owned by Chelsea's holding company BlueCo, is under financial scrutiny from UEFA. Its fine of 13 million euros ($15 million) in June for overspending was the biggest imposed by the European soccer body on any club last season.

The 20-year-old Ortega cost a reported 10 million euros ($11.6 million) from Madrid to help replace Paraguay forward **Julio Enciso**, who left Strasbourg for newly promoted Ipswich. He spent time on loan there two seasons ago when the club was last in the English Premier League.

Ipswich said it also signed Strasbourg's 20-year-old midfielder **Abdoul Ouattara**, with the two deals reportedly costing a combined 50 million euros ($58 million). ...

Colombia defender **Jhon Lucumí** signed with Juventus for 19.5 million euros ($22.6 million) after impressing at the World Cup.

The Italian club said the 28-year-old center back signed a four-year contract. The fee paid to Serie A rival Bologna could rise above 22 million euros ($25.5 million) with performance bonuses. ...

Cagliari forward **Yael Trepy** is in intensive care in a hospital, the Italian club said without giving details on his condition.

According to L'Unione Sarda newspaper, Trepy was involved in an incident in a swimming pool in northern Sardinia.

TENNIS

Eleven of 16 teams set for U.S. Open doubles

Rising women's star **Alex Eala** and **Felix Auger-Aliassime**, spouses **Elina Svitolina** and **Gael Monfils**, and two-time defending champions **Sara Errani** and **Andrea Vavassori** were given wild cards into the U.S. Open mixed doubles tournament.

The U.S. Tennis Association set 11 of the 16 teams that will be in the championship, with six teams qualifying directly because of their combined rankings and five given wild cards.

Topping the field is the team of No. 1-ranked **Aryna Sabalenka** and 24-time Grand Slam singles champion **Novak Djokovic**, who have the lowest combined singles ranking of any team that entered.

Also qualifying directly, in order of their rankings: **Elena Rybakina** and **Taylor Fritz**, **Diana Shnaider** and **Daniil Medvedev**, **Iga Swiatek** and **Casper Ruud** — the runners-up last year — **Belinda Bencic** and **Flavio Cobolli**, and **Amanda Anisimova** and **Learner Tien**.

The remaining wild cards went to the teams of **Leylah Fernandez** and **Frances Tiafoe**, and **Taylor Townsend** and **Alexander Zverev**.

Three remaining wild-card spots are still to be announced, and the final two teams in the two-day main draw will earn their way in through an eight-team qualifying tournament to be played Aug. 24.

The teams given spots in the qualifying tournament Monday: **Katerina Siniakova** and **Henry Patten**, **Gabriela Dabrowski** and **Harri Heliovaara**, **Luisa Stefani** and **Neal Skupski**, **Aleksandra Krunic** and **Mate Pavic**, **Jelena Ostapenko** and **Marcelo Arevalo**, and **Erin Routliffe** and **Lloyd Glasspool**. ...

Iga Swiatek's struggles early in the 2026 season seem like a distant memory the way she is competing this summer.

The seventh seed and defending Cincinnati Open champion shook off a stellar first set by Greece's **Maria Sakkari** and rallied to edge the No. 29 seed, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, in Mason, Ohio.

Swiatek will face France's **Diane Parry** in the fourth round after the 23-year-old took out countrywoman **Lois Boisson** in a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 marathon.

Second-seeded **Elena Rybakina** of Kazakhstan edged Poland's **Magdalena Frech**, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), in the afternoon hours amid persistent rain.

Rybakina's next opponent will be Russian No. 14 seed **Diana Shnaider**, who defeated Polish No. 19 seed **Maja Chwalinska**, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

No. 15 **Sorana Cirstea** of Romania was on her way to a third-set bagel when No. 18 **Anna Kalinskaya** of Russia retired. Cirstea was ahead 6-7 (7-4), 6-1, 5-0.

In the men's draw, seventh-seeded **Flavio Cobolli** was two points from defeat before mounting a comeback to defeat No. 28 seed **Alexander Blockx**, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

Blockx appeared poised to repeat his victory over Cobolli from Monte Carlo earlier this season when the Belgian broke for a 5-3 lead in the deciding set and served for the match. Cobolli instead broke back and swept the final four games.

Cobolli will next meet 12th-seeded **Rafael Jodar**, who needed considerably less drama in a 6-2, 6-1 rout of No. 22 **Alejandro Tabilo** of Chile.

Argentina's **Thiago Agustin Tirante** followed his stunning upset of **Novak Djokovic** with another win, edging Spain's **Martin Landaluce**, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-4).

COLLEGES

Michigan State brings in Bartholomae as AD

Michigan State hired Western Michigan's **Dan Bartholomae** as its athletic director.

Bartholomae served in the same role at Western Michigan since 2022 and was named a finalist last fall for the Sports Business Journal AD of the year.

Western Michigan won 37 conference championships and the 2025 men's hockey national title under Bartholomae's leadership. It was the Broncos' first national championship in 60 years.

Bartholomae replaces **J Batt**, who was hired away by Kentucky in June. ...

Miami dismissed wide receiver **Cam Vaughn** from the football program, Coach **Mario Cristobal** confirmed.

"Wish him the best," Cristobal told a WQAM morning radio show. He declined to provide a reason for the departure.

Vaughn transferred to Miami during the offseason after one season at West Virginia (2025) and two at Jacksonville State (2023-24). ...

Dave Van Horn, the Division I active leader in career wins by a baseball coach, signed a new contract that keeps him at Arkansas through 2031, the school said.

The contract replaces the 10-year agreement Van Horn signed in 2021 and will increase his pay to $2.1 million annually. He also would receive bonuses for winning the men's College World Series and fulfilling the length of the contract.

The 2027 season will mark Van Horn's 39th as a head coach and 25th at Arkansas. He has led the Razorbacks to 974 wins; three SEC regular season championships and one SEC tournament title; 22 NCAA regionals; and eight CWS appearances, including a national runner-up finish in 2018.

GOLF

Struggling LIV cancels its team championship

LIV Golf is ending its season one week earlier than planned, announcing it will not hold the team championship in Michigan next week and instead will crown the team champion this week 20 miles north of Indianapolis.

The 12 events this year — New Orleans was previously postponed — make up the smallest schedule for LIV since it was launched with massive Saudi Arabia funding in 2022 and featured eight tournaments.

Jon Rahm already has clinched the individual season title for the third straight year. LIV Golf Indianapolis, which starts Thursday at The Club at Chatham Hills, will determine who finishes second and third among the players, as well as the top team.

The Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia, the financial muscle of the rival league from the start, decided in March this would be the final year of funding. LIV Golf announced earlier this month it has an agreement with a lead investor that would sustain a new version of the league for 2027.

The cancellation of LIV Golf Michigan was not surprising. There have been reports in recent weeks the tournament had not even started preparing with grandstands and other amenities. LIV Golf said ticket holders would get refunds.

AUTO RACING

Hendrick picks Zilisch to take Bowman's spot

Connor Zilisch signed a multiyear contract with Hendrick Motorsports to drive the No. 48 Chevrolet beginning in 2028.

Zilisch, a 20-year-old rookie driving for Trackhouse Racing, will replace **Alex Bowman** behind the wheel.

Bowman said last month that he will step away from full-time racing at the end of the 2027 season.

Zilisch ranks 34th in the Cup Series standings, with a series-leading eight DNFs.

CYCLING

Vingegaard will sit out season after Tour crash

Two-time Tour de France winner **Jonas Vingegaard** will not race again this season after fracturing a collarbone at the Tour de France, his team said.

Vingegaard won the Giro d'Italia — completing a career sweep of the three Grand Tours — and Paris-Nice stage race in a successful first half of the season, then crashed out of the Tour de France's 15th stage a month ago as his great rival **Tadej Pogacar** dominated.

The 29-year-old Dane's only realistic targets would have been the world championships road race in Montreal on Sept. 27 and the one-day classic Tour of Lombardy on Oct. 10.

TRACK AND FIELD

U.S. Olympic trials set for 'TrackTown' in '28

The U.S. track and field Olympic trials will return to Eugene, Oregon, leaving Los Angeles on the sideline weeks before it hosts the 2028 Summer Games.

The trials, set for June 17-22, 2028, will be the sixth straight held at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus, which has adopted the nickname "TrackTown USA." It has proven over decades to be America's only consistently viable host for big-time track events.

The six-day schedule will be different from past trials, which usually spanned two weekends, with a couple of off days in the middle. Those six days will not include selection for the decathlon, heptathlon or the 10,000 meters, all of which will be held earlier in the spring — at locations to be determined — to allow for additional recovery.

— From news services

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O.J. Brigance was a fixture at Ravens practices and games, using a motorized wheelchair and speaking through eye recognition software.

O.J. BRIGANCE | 1969-2026

ALS couldn't keep him off the sidelines

BRIGANCE FROM **B7**

He was also a fixture at Ravens practices and games, using a motorized wheelchair to get around and communicating through a speech-generating computer system that used eye recognition software. He met often with players to share insight and offer words of encouragement, and players over the years recounted countless stories of the inspiration he provided.

Former Ravens legend and Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Lewis called Brigance his "greatest inspiration" and "hero." Hall of Fame safety and former Raven Ed Reed once referred to Brigance as a "world changer." Former Pro Bowl offensive lineman Marshal Yanda called him a "pillar" on which the Ravens were built.

"O.J. Brigance was a great man," former Ravens coach John Harbaugh said in a statement. "On behalf of Ingrid, Alison and our family, we extend our deepest condolences to the entire Brigance family. O.J. was a great friend to me, my wife and my daughter, and I will always treasure the time we shared with him. … I look forward to seeing him again in heaven someday."

A native of Houston who played collegiately at Rice, Brigance spent four seasons with the Dolphins, parts of two seasons with the Rams and one season apiece with the Ravens and Patriots. Known for his standout ability on special teams, he was twice voted a team captain in Miami, won the NFL Players Association's "Unsung Hero Award" in 1996 and was the Ed Block Courage Award recipient in 1999.

Brigance also distinguished himself in the Canadian Football League. In 1993, he registered 23 sacks with the B.C. Lions and two years later helped the Baltimore Stallions to a Grey Cup championship. He is the only player to win a Super Bowl and a Grey Cup for the same city.

After Brigance's playing career ended following the 2002 season, he returned to Baltimore in a personnel role in player engagement. He won the league's Best Overall Player Development Program award for two straight years in 2005 and 2006.

Following his ALS diagnosis in 2007, he and his wife, Chanda, established the Brigance Brigade Foundation, a nonprofit that has raised millions of dollars and raised awareness for the fight against it. The Baltimore Sun also recently named O.J. and Chanda Brigance among its Black Marylanders to Watch in recognition of their community service.

"We have been blessed, you know — we may be okay," Chandra Brigance told The Baltimore Sun. "But what about the people who are not in that same position? What can we do to help them, to make sure they're okay as well, make sure their needs are met while walking this awful disease."

ALS, a progressive nervous system disease that destroys nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, leading to a loss of muscle control, left Brigance unable to walk or speak. Still, he continued to show up to the Ravens' facility to work.

Though the average life expectancy for people with ALS is just two to five years from diagnosis, according to the ALS Association, he well surpassed that. About 20 percent of people with ALS live at least five years and up to 10 percent live for at least 10 years.

Multiple studies have shown that NFL players face roughly a four-times greater risk of developing ALS and dying compared to the general population. Former NFL running back Chris Johnson said in June that he was also diagnosed with ALS at age 39.

"I am devastated and at a loss for words," Ravens executive vice president and former general manager Ozzie Newsome said in a statement. "O.J. was one of the most genuine, sincere people I have ever known. From the moment he arrived in Baltimore, you could feel his energy. His amazing smile, welcoming nature and infectious personality made everyone around him feel like family.

"He was a hero to this city long before his courageous battle with ALS and became an even greater inspiration in the way he faced it with the same fight, faith and grace he brought to the football field. O.J.'s service to our community, to the Ravens and the fight for a cure for ALS will never be forgotten. He was and always will be a beloved mentor and man."

NFL NOTES

Condition of new field is not a concern for Bills

FROM NEWS SERVICES

As with any new lawn, it takes time for roots to take hold and the foundation to strengthen.

And that applies to the Buffalo Bills' new Highmark Stadium, where the grass field showed signs of wear and tear before, during and after Saturday's preseason-opening 29-14 win over the Carolina Panthers.

No need to worry, Bills President Pete Guelli told the Associated Press on Monday, a day after team officials — including General Manager Brandon Beane and trainers — toured the field with its groundskeeping crew as part of a planned inspection.

"From a playability and safety perspective, everybody's very happy," Guelli said. "It's Year 1. So it's a brand new field, and it's going to take time for the foundation to build up."

Guelli was referring to clumps of turf being churned up, with one official having to briefly stop the play clock to replace a divot. Before the game, parts of the field appeared more gray than green. Afterward, the most worn portion was between the hash marks, and members of the grounds crew reseeded parts of the field not long after the final whistle.

Jarring as it may have appeared, Guelli said the field getting torn up was no surprise.

"Until it actually happens in a game as the field is maturing and the root system is setting, those things can happen," he said. "It was attended to quickly, and the game was able to continue. And we were comfortable with the performance after that."

• **GIANTS:** John Harbaugh isn't committing to Malik Nabers playing Week 1, but New York's new coach said he is "praying" the star wide receiver will be ready.

Nabers participated in full-speed live drills for the first time since suffering a torn ACL and meniscus in his right knee Sept. 28. Wearing a no-contact jersey, Nabers ran a few routes during 11-on-11 and seven-on-seven drills. …

New York signed veteran quarterback Jake Haener and is reportedly bringing in linebacker Chandler Martin.

Free agent running back Najee Harris, who tore his Achilles last September, could be next after visiting the team for a workout, according to ESPN.

• **JETS:** Running back Breece Hall strained his groin during practice and will have tests to determine the severity of the injury.

Hall, New York's top running back coming off his first 1,000-yard rushing season, caught a pass late in the practice session, pulled up and fell to the rain-slicked grass. He got up and walked gingerly to the sideline, where trainers appeared to be examining his upper right thigh/abdomen area.

Coach Aaron Glenn appeared cautiously optimistic after practice that Hall's injury wasn't serious, though he said he wanted to wait for further evaluation.

• **RAMS:** Wide receiver Puka Nacua and defensive end Myles Garrett are likely to sit out the next week of practice to rest minor injuries.

Nacua developed soreness in his psoas muscle during a joint practice with the Dallas Cowboys last week. Garrett, who sat out that joint practice, has been dealing with intermittent knee swelling during his first year with Los Angeles.

"Probably next week is when we'll be able to get those guys back," Rams Coach Sean McVay said.

• **VIKINGS:** Minnesota placed safety/linebacker Jamal Adams on injured reserve, and he is expected to have season-ending surgery for a right knee injury.

The Vikings signed cornerback Bryce Phillips to fill Adams's spot on the roster. Phillips originally entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent with Kansas City following the 2026 NFL draft.

• **BEARS:** Chicago signed veteran defensive end Marcus Davenport and defensive back Deantre Prince.

The Bears also waived running back Coleman Bennett and waived tight end Nikola Kalinic with an injury designation.

• **RAIDERS:** Right guard Jackson Powers-Johnson left practice early and was escorted by a trainer into the team facility.

Las Vegas provided no update on his status.

• **TITANS:** Quarterback Mitchell Trubisky left practice with a trainer to get the biceps on his right arm checked.

• **CARDINALS:** Rookie running back Jeremiyah Love is expected to miss the rest of the preseason with a high ankle sprain, ESPN reported.

Ohio State, Oregon, Georgia lead preseason poll as Big Ten and SEC dominate

POLL FROM **B7**

There are no Group of Six schools in the Top 25.

Top-ranked Buckeyes

The offense is loaded. Heisman Trophy finalist Julian Sayin was the most accurate passer in the nation by a wide margin last season, Jeremiah Smith leads the nation in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns over the last two years, and Bo Jackson is coming off a 1,000-yard rushing season as a freshman.

There is little concern about the defense, even though eight starters must be replaced for a second straight year. At least six transfers are projected to start or play major roles.

Ohio State will get tested early and often. The Buckeyes visit Texas on Sept. 12 and five of their nine conference games are against preseason ranked teams, including at Indiana and against Oregon at home.

The Buckeyes have ended a season No. 1 in the AP poll six times (1942, 1954, 1968, 2002, 2014, 2024).

Bulldogs best of the SEC

The beat goes on for Kirby Smart's Georgia Bulldogs. They're in the preseason top five for the ninth straight year. The two-time defending SEC champion Bulldogs are favored to play in a sixth straight conference title game and appear in the CFP for the sixth time in 10 years.

Texas, the preseason No. 1 last year, opens in the top five for the third straight year. No. 8 Texas A&M is in the preseason top 10 for the first time since it was No. 6 in 2022, the year that marked the beginning of the end for Jimbo Fisher's tenure as coach.

Pete Golding's first full season as Mississippi's coach starts with the No. 9 Rebels in the preseason top 10 for the second time in three years and third time since 1970. No. 10 Oklahoma is in the preseason top 10 for the first time since 2022, when it was in the Big 12.

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Georgia and quarterback Gunner Stockton open the season No. 3, one of nine ranked teams in the SEC.

What about the Hoosiers?

Indiana is the seventh reigning national champion in 40 years, and the second in three years, to be ranked outside the top five in the preseason (Michigan went into the 2024 season ranked No. 9).

The Hoosiers became the first team in the modern era to go 16-0, and they return plenty of talent and signed a top-10 transfer class. But the move from Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 NFL draft pick Fernando Mendoza to TCU transfer Josh Hoover at quarterback apparently put doubts in the minds of voters.

Poll nuggets

- Ohio State will try to become the 12th team to start and finish No. 1 since the AP preseason poll debuted in 1950. The last team to do it was Alabama in 2017.
- Notre Dame has its highest preseason ranking since it was No. 2 in 2006. The Fighting Irish, who have a Heisman candidate in quarterback CJ Carr, bring a 10-game winning streak into the season and are still smarting from being left out of the playoff.
- Lane Kiffin's first LSU team is No. 11 after finishing 7-6 and unranked under Brian Kelly and Frank Wilson.
- Ten of the 12 CFP teams last season are ranked. The two that aren't: James Madison and Tulane from the Group of Six.
- No. 23 Houston has its first preseason ranking in four years and third since 1991.
- Virginia Tech, JMU, Virginia and Liberty received votes.

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Cameron Edge backed up Terps quarterbacks Taulia Tagovailoa and Billy Edwards Jr. before leaving Maryland after the 2024 season.

Former Terp Edge returns home with Morgan State

EDGE FROM **B7**

Preston Howard and Coach Michael Locksley — chose to enter the transfer portal, for which he has no regrets.

"There were some times I — when I look back at it — wish I did [stay], and then there's some times I wish I didn't," he said. "It happened the way it did. There were a lot of guys I love over here, a lot of coaches I love over there, some that are still there, some that aren't. I'm happy about how it went because it made me a better man."

Edge did not play at Eastern Michigan, calling it a "really difficult year."

"The grass is not always [greener] on the other side, and there's just different things," he said. "Some people are meant to be far from home. Some people aren't. And I had to learn that the hard way a little bit. But also great relationships with them over there."

Edge chose the Bears, in part, to be closer to home, which he said he visited every weekend when he lived in College Park.

He would seem to strengthen a quarterback room that ranked last in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference a year ago in passing yards per game (159.9), and second-to-last in completion percentage (57.8) and interceptions (10).

Junior left guard Evan Cooke said Edge has made friends quickly by seeking input from as many sources as possible.

"He's in different rooms," Cooke said. "He's making sure he's on the same page with the running backs, wide receivers, offensive line. He's in there every single day making sure that he knows everything and that there's nothing missing."

Edge's knowledge and experience have endeared him to the coaching staff. But Wilson said he doesn't want Edge to feel as if he has to redeem himself immediately.

"He's probably one of the highest-profile players we've had here in the program as far as coming out of high school, but he hasn't done anything yet in college, and he's looking to do that," Wilson said. "So we're going to give him an opportunity and see what he can do."

Edge will be expected to help a Morgan State team that was picked fourth in the MEAC's six-team preseason poll.

Edge is not bothered by the lack of respect or any hint of pressure outside of the locker room.

"I put more pressure on myself than anyone else is going to," he said. "No matter where I've been or what I've done, it doesn't matter when the ball gets snapped. It's one play at a time. I've got to make the read, I've got to be better than I've ever been each week, each game, each practice. So what has been doesn't matter anymore. It's all about what we will be."

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Atlanta	74	50	.597	—	5-5	W-1
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	7	6-4	W-4
Miami	64	62	.508	11	6-4	L-1
Washington	60	66	.476	15	4-6	L-3
New York	57	69	.452	18	7-3	W-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	77	48	.616	—	5-5	W-2
x-Chicago	72	53	.576	5	6-4	L-2
St. Louis	64	62	.508	13½	6-4	L-1
Pittsburgh	61	66	.480	17	4-6	L-1
Cincinnati	60	65	.480	17	4-6	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	74	51	.592	—	5-5	L-2
San Diego	67	59	.532	7½	7-3	L-1
Arizona	66	60	.524	8½	5-5	L-2
San Francisco	51	73	.411	22½	3-7	L-1
x-Colorado	50	74	.403	23½	5-5	W-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	75	49	.605	—	7-3	W-1
New York	69	55	.556	6	5-5	W-1
Boston	67	58	.536	8½	3-7	W-1
Baltimore	61	64	.488	14½	5-5	L-1
Toronto	61	65	.484	15	7-3	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Chicago	65	58	.528	—	6-4	W-3
Detroit	61	64	.488	5	5-5	W-1
Cleveland	60	65	.480	6	3-7	L-1
x-Minnesota	60	65	.480	6	4-6	L-3
Kansas City	52	74	.413	14½	4-6	W-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	63	62	.504	—	4-6	L-2
Texas	61	64	.488	2	4-6	L-1
Seattle	59	66	.472	4	3-7	W-2
Athletics	49	76	.392	14	4-6	L-1
Los Angeles	49	76	.392	14	5-5	L-1

x-Late game

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Tuesday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	OBA	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Ortiz	.300	.317	5	9	1	10
Pinckney	.300	.385	1	2	1	3
Wiemer	.286	.398	3	12	12	29
García	.283	.313	23	76	16	61
Abrams	.278	.354	29	91	46	121
Ruiz	.275	.311	7	41	13	33
Wood	.265	.393	30	73	90	153
Mead	.254	.352	17	48	39	62
Young	.251	.315	10	43	25	63
Lile	.245	.295	15	65	29	96
Vivas	.244	.336	3	20	29	38
House	.239	.294	9	31	15	71
Tena	.236	.313	6	21	21	72
Nuñez	.228	.313	1	34	44	85
Chaparro	.225	.344	7	29	16	31
Crews	.211	.281	10	27	20	73
Ford	.208	.321	2	7	7	15
Millas	.185	.277	2	11	14	37

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO
Dion	1	0	0.00	8	0	2	8
Yean	0	1	1.80	10	2	2	6
Fernández	0	0	2.25	4	1	2	3
Williams	0	0	2.38	11.1	3	2	14
Poulin	3	0	2.70	36.2	11	21	25
Griffin	12	3	3.06	129.1	44	30	116
Cavalli	10	5	3.36	136.2	51	41	151
Ribalta	0	2	3.41	37	14	14	33
Beeter	5	3	3.55	38	15	24	39
Alvarez	2	4	3.72	75	31	33	69
Cosgrove	0	2	3.75	12	5	3	10
Lovelady	1	3	3.91	23	10	17	21
Lord	5	2	4.04	62.1	28	25	57
Lawrence	0	0	4.26	6.1	3	7	6
Littell	7	8	4.97	112.1	62	35	70
Cornelio	2	1	5.40	20	12	20	20
Irvin	2	7	5.80	71.1	46	31	72
Mikolas	3	9	5.82	116	75	23	58
Pérez	2	3	6.19	16	11	11	9
Bird	0	0	6.23	4.1	3	2	6
Schultz	1	2	6.40	32.1	23	12	32
Parker	3	3	6.58	39.2	29	13	34
Z.Kent	0	0	6.75	10.2	8	2	9
Waldichuk	0	0	6.75	9.1	7	6	8
J.Kent	0	0	6.75	4	3	5	6
Varland	1	2	6.82	31.2	24	15	30
Kranick	0	0	6.94	11.2	9	6	7
Palmquist	0	2	7.71	16.1	14	8	15
Krook	0	1	7.71	4.2	4	6	4
Henry	0	2	7.90	13.2	12	7	15
Granillo	0	0	9.64	9.1	10	8	3
Cruz	0	1	15.00	3	5	5	4
Rutledge	0	0	47.25	1.1	7	2	2

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
x-Chi. Cubs	72	53	.576	+5
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	+1
San Diego	67	59	.532	—
Arizona	66	60	.524	1
Miami	64	62	.508	3
St. Louis	64	62	.508	3

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
N.Y. Yankees	69	55	.556	+8
Boston	67	58	.536	+6
Baltimore	61	64	.488	—
Texas	61	64	.488	—
Detroit	61	64	.48	—
Toronto	61	65	.484	1
Cleveland	60	65	.480	1½
x-Minnesota	60	65	.480	1½
Seattle	59	66	.472	2½

NL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Phi	.315
Moreno, Ari	.308
Lopez, Mia	.308
Gonzales, Pit	.307
Freeman, LA	.298
McCarthy, Col	.296
Lee, SF	.292
Rumfield, Col	.291

HOME RUNS

Schwarber, Phi	37
Olson, Atl	36
Goodman, Col	34
Wood, Was	30
Abrams, Was	29
Crow-Armstrong, Chi	28
Ohtani, LA	27
Lowe, Pit	26
Stewart, Cin	26

RBI

Abrams, Was	91
Stewart, Cin	91
Burleson, StL	90
Walker, StL	88
Lowe, Pit	79
Pages, LA	78
Olson, Atl	77

ERA

Misiorowski, Mil	1.748
Sale, Atl	2.163
Burns, Cin	2.473
Sánchez, Phi	2.544
Yamamoto, LA	2.601
Rodriguez, Ari	2.712
Luzardo, Phi	3.233
Ray, SD	3.281

SAVES

Miller, SD	30
O'Brien, StL	30
Duran, Phi	26
Iglesias, Atl	25
Megill, Mil	22
Fairbanks, Mia	18
Scott, LA	16
Williams, NY	16

STRIKEOUTS

Misiorowski, Mil	210
Luzardo, Phi	185
Sánchez, Phi	181
Skenes, Pit	166
Sale, Atl	160
McLean, NY	159
Ashcraft, Pit	155

AL leaders

Entering Monday's games.

BATTING

Alvarez, Hou	.321
Simpson, TB	.309
Díaz, TB	.302
Jung, Tex	.294
DeLauter, Cle	.285
Aranda, TB	.285
Rafaela, Bos	.285
Witt, KC	.282

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, Hou	36
Caminero, TB	35
Rice, NY	33
Murakami, Chi	28
Vargas, Chi	28
Alonso, Bal	27
Dingler, Det	26
Montgomery, Chi	26
Buxton, Min	25

RBI

Alvarez, Hou	88
Dingler, Det	82
Alonso, Bal	80
Caminero, TB	79
Rice, NY	78
Aranda, TB	75
Burger, Tex	73

ERA

Schlittler, NY	2.191
Cease, Tor	2.419
Messick, Cle	2.593
Gray, Bos	2.646
Martinez, TB	2.739
Rasmussen, TB	2.784
Burke, Chi	3.150
Soriano, Tor	3.165

SAVES

Baker, TB	34
Smith, Cle	31
Varland, Tor	28
Bednar, NY	27
Chapman, Bos	27
Latz, Tex	24
Muñoz, Sea	22

STRIKEOUTS

Cease, Tor	201
Williams, Cle	190
Schlittler, NY	189
Detmers, LA	167
Burke, Chi	154
Gore, Tex	154
Gilbert, Sea	152
Bradley, Min	151

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Upping the intensity

The Red Sox won the opener of a crucial three-game series, 11-1, over the Diamondbacks as both teams jockey for position in their respective wild-card races.

Red Sox 11, Diamondbacks 1

Willson Contreras and Mickey Gasper homered, all nine Boston starters drove in at least one, and the Red Sox dismantled Arizona.

Boston did not have a strikeout in the game.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vargas 2b-p	4	1	0	0	0	0	.268
Carroll rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.248
Barrosa ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Moreno c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.308
Perdomo ss	2	0	0	1	0	1	.247
McCann 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.300
Lawlar cf-2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.316
Tawa 1b-3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.234
Fernandez 3b-ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Nootbaar dh-lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Waldschmidt lf-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.275
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	1	8	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Sogard 2b-1b	5	1	2	1	0	0	.240
Rafaela cf	5	2	3	1	0	0	.285
Abreu rf	4	1	2	2	1	0	.257
Contreras 1b	4	2	2	1	1	0	.278
Seigler 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Rutschman c	5	1	2	1	0	0	.242
Durbin 3b	4	2	3	1	1	0	.252
Monasterio ss	4	0	0	1	0	0	.265
Gasper dh	5	1	1	2	0	0	.243
White lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.235
TOTALS	40	11	16	11	3	0	—

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E: Carroll (3), Waldschmidt (1). **LOB:** Arizona 5, Boston 9. **2B:** Tawa (8), Sogard 2 (5), Contreras (19), Rafaela 3 (29), Rutschman (20). **HR:** Contreras (24), off Littell; Gasper (1), off Littell.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bratt	3	4	3	3	3	0	3.74
Littell	3⅔	11	8	6	0	0	5.07
Santana	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Vargas	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gamboa	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.59
Bello	4⅔	3	1	1	1	3	4.84
Weissert	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.88
Morán	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Olds	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

WP: Bello (4-6); **LP:** Bratt (1-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Santana 1-0. **HBP:** Bello (Waldschmidt). **WP:** Bratt. ABS Challenge_Durbin (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:47. **A:** 36,511 (37,755).

Mets 2, Padres 1

Right fielder Carson Benge threw out two San Diego runners at home plate on consecutive plays in the first inning, fellow rookie A.J. Ewing cut down another from left field moments later, and New York held on for a victory.

Nolan McLean recovered from a shaky start to last six effective innings as the last-place Mets won for the 10th time in 13 games since selling big at the trade deadline.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tatis rf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.279
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.227
Machado 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.212
France 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.292
Merrill cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Campusano c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.305
Sheets dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.212
Bogaerts ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.221
Rengifo lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.245
TOTALS	29	1	7	1	5	5	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ewing lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.249
Lindor ss	2	1	0	0	2	0	.243
Bichette 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.267
Benge rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.273
Robert cf	2	0	0	1	0	0	.214
Young 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Semien 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.210
Polanco dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.148
Alvarez c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.246
TOTALS	26	2	5	2	2	7	—

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LOB: San Diego 8, New York 3.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Buehler	6	2	2	2	2	4	4.79
Hart	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.03

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McLean	6	6	1	1	4	3	3.34
Pintaro	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	3.86
Lavender	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Duarte	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.89

WP: McLean (9-8); **LP:** Buehler (7-6); **S:** Duarte (2). **HBP:** McLean (Sheets). ABS Challenge_Buehler (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:23. **A:** 27,842 (42,136).

Rays 7, Orioles 6

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
O'Neill rf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.223
Alonso dh	5	1	2	1	0	1	.267
Holliday 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.244
Mayo 1b	5	2	2	1	0	1	.213
Henderson ss	5	1	2	0	0	1	.222
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	5	1	3	4	0	1	.272
Jackson lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.227
Taveras lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Narváez c	2	0	0	0	1	0	.173
Franklin cf	2	0	2	0	0	0	.200
Cowser ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.216
TOTALS	41	6	14	6	1	10	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz dh	3	2	2	1	1	1	.304
Aranda 1b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.286
Caminero 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.273
Hicks c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.282
DeLuca ph-rf	1	0	1	2	0	0	.265
Simpson lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.309
Vilade rf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.257
Fortes c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Mullins cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.209
Palacios 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.242
Mateo ss	2	1	1	2	0	0	.244
Walls ph-ss	2	1	1	0	0	0	.222
TOTALS	34	7	12	7	3	8	—

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E: Encarnacion-Strand (4). **LOB:** Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 7. **2B:** Mayo (12), Henderson (22), Aranda (20). **HR:** Mayo (16), off McClanahan; Alonso (28), off Wells; Encarnacion-Strand (6), off Wells; Díaz (18), off Young; Vilade (11), off Young; Mateo (5), off Young. **RBI:** Mayo (46), Encarnacion-Strand 4 (22), Alonso (81), Díaz (70), Vilade (37), Mateo 2 (14), Aranda (76), DeLuca 2 (36). **SB:** Franklin (2), Palacios (11). **CS:** Simpson (12).

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Young	4	8	4	4	1	3	3.52
Sanders	2	0	0	0	0	3	5.60
Cano	0	3	3	3	0	0	3.27
Walker	1	1	0	0	1	0	2.81
Garcia	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.42

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McClanahan	3⅓	4	3	3	0	3	3.25
Legumina	⅔	2	0	0	0	1	3.81
Wells	1	3	3	3	0	0	2.83
Kelly	1	2	0	0	0	1	1.91
Booser	1⅓	2	0	0	1	3	1.84
Baker	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	1.47

WP: Booser (1-0); **LP:** Cano (2-3); **S:** Baker (35). **Inherited runners-scored:** Walker 3-2, Legumina 2-2, Baker 2-0. **IBB:** off Walker (Vilade). **HBP:** Legumina (Narváez), Cano (Díaz). **WP:** Booser. ABS Challenge_Young (Ball-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Walker (pitcher). **T:** 2:58. **A:** 10,159 (25,025).

O's bid for T.B. sweep falls short

RAYS 7, ORIOLES 6

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. — The Orioles were one more good bullpen performance away from their best series of the year — a four-game sweep of the American League-leading Tampa Bay Rays.

But that's a tall task at Tropicana Field, and it proved to be too much the moment Yennier Cano entered the game in the seventh inning. Baltimore held a 6-4 lead after a second straight excellent offensive performance, but Cano struggled for the second time this series en route to a 7-6 loss.

The first time, the Orioles escaped with a one-run win Friday. This time, the Rays took full advantage of Cano not pitching like himself. The sinkerballer allowed the first four batters he faced to reach base, three of whom came around to score.

Baltimore's bats had chances in the eighth and ninth innings, but they stranded three runners against Rays closer and old friend Bryan Baker, who retired five of the six batters he faced for his MLB-best 35th save.

The loss moves Baltimore (61-64) back into a tie for the AL's third and final wild-card spot.

For the third time in four games this series, the Orioles took an early lead. This time, it was on a mammoth home run from Coby Mayo off Rays left-hander Shane McClanahan, who came off the injured list Monday to start the game. Mayo, one of baseball's best sluggers versus southpaws this season, clobbered a 468-foot homer — the fourth longest in MLB this season and the fifth longest by an Oriole in the Statcast era (since 2015).

But then Orioles starting pitcher Brandon Young struggled to keep the ball in the yard. The right-hander allowed a solo homer to Yandy Díaz in the third and two more long balls in the fourth — a Ryan Vilade solo shot and a two-run big fly from old friend Jorge Mateo — that gave the Rays a 4-3 lead. Mateo's homer was his first as a Ray after joining the team last week and his first against the Orioles after departing Baltimore in the offseason.

Two of the Orioles' best hitters over the past month had Young's back. Christian Encarnacion-Strand hit a two-run single in the fourth inning to put Baltimore up 3-1, then hit a two-run shot in the fifth to give the Orioles a 6-4 advantage. Sandwiched between those was a Pete Alonso solo homer to lead off the fifth inning off Tyler Wells, whom the Rays acquired from Baltimore at the trade deadline.

After Cano let in one run and loaded the bases in the seventh, Manager Craig Albernaz went to Josh Walker. The left-hander allowed a tough-luck Baltimore chop to Jonny DeLuca over Encarnacion-Strand's head, bringing home two runs and putting the Rays in front to stay.

— Baltimore Sun

GAME 1

Cardinals 2, Reds 1

Alec Burleson delivered a two-run double early, and four St. Louis relievers turned in perfect innings late, helping the Cardinals beat Cincinnati.

Quinn Mathews, making his second career start, allowed one run in four innings for the Cardinals.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Báez lf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.231
Church cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Herrera dh	2	1	0	0	3	0	.248
Walker rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.286
Burleson 1b	4	0	2	2	0	1	.290
Fermín 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Crooks c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.183
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.236
Jordan 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.253
Pereira cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.237
Pagés c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.207
Wetherholt ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.242
TOTALS	33	2	7	2	4	9	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	4	.259
Stewart 1b-3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.258
Stephenson c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.248
Suárez dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.202
Myers cf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.255
Toglia lf-1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.133
McLain 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.193
Marte rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.189
Hayes 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.146
Bleday ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.217
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	3	15	—

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LOB: St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 5. **2B:** Burleson (32), Walker (27), Stewart (24). **3B:** Jordan (4). **HR:** Myers (4), off Mathews.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mathews	4	2	1	1	3	7	3.00
Gastelum	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.79
Graceffo	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.21
Soriano	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.64
Stanek	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.47
O'Brien	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.02

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Emanuel	5	5	2	2	3	4	3.60
Mey	2	1	0	0	1	3	3.63
Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.46
Moll	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.56

WP: Gastelum (3-2); **LP:** Emanuel (0-1); **S:** O'Brien (31). **HBP:** Emanuel (Báez). **T:** 2:40. **A:** 20,434 (43,891).

GAME 2

Reds 6, Cardinals 5 (10)

Elly De La Cruz delivered his first career walk-off hit in the 10th inning after Dane Myers hit a tying pinch-hit homer in the ninth, and Cincinnati rallied past St. Louis to split a doubleheader.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wetherholt 2b	5	0	2	0	0	2	.244
Herrera c	4	1	1	1	1	2	.248
Pagés c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Burleson 1b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.289
Walker dh	5	2	3	0	0	1	.289
Báez rf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.167
Church cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.234
Fermín ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.238
Winn ss	4	0	1	1	1	3	.236
Torres lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.229
Pereira pr-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Jordan 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.253
TOTALS	40	5	11	5	4	12	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz dh	4	1	2	1	1	1	.261
Stewart 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.258
Bleday lf	4	1	3	0	0	1	.223
Suárez 3b	3	1	3	1	0	0	.210
Hayes 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.146
Toglia 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.158
McLain ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.194
Rodríguez rf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.107
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Myers ph-cf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.259
Friedl cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.158
Stephenson ph-c	1	1	0	0	0	0	.248
TOTALS	35	6	13	6	1	9	—

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No outs when winning run scored.

E: Suárez (3). **LOB:** St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 5. **2B:** Walker (28), Toglia (2), Suárez (16). **HR:** Herrera (14), off Lowder; Myers (5), off Strzelecki.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pallante	6	10	4	4	1	5	3.57
Strzelecki	3	2	1	1	0	4	3.86
Bruihl	0	1	1	0	0	0	3.26

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lowder	6⅔	8	4	4	2	5	5.17
Burke	1⅓	2	1	1	1	3	2.80
McCambley	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.15
Pagán	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.81

WP: Pagán (5-1); **LP:** Bruihl (0-1). Pitch timer violations_Lowder (pitcher). Ejected_Marmol. **T:** 2:54. **A:** 12,166 (43,891).

Phillies 6, Marlins 5

Cristopher Sánchez struck out six over six solid innings and became the first 16-game winner of the season as Philadelphia outlasted Miami.

Sánchez allowed one run on eight hits for the Phillies.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ruiz cf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.259
Marsee ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Hernández lf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.228
Edwards 2b	5	2	2	0	0	1	.285
Ramírez dh	4	1	2	0	1	0	.250
Lopez ss	4	1	2	1	1	1	.310
Sanoja 3b	5	0	2	2	0	0	.272
Jiménez 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.208
Conine rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.273
Navarreto c	4	1	2	1	0	1	.148
TOTALS	39	5	14	5	4	9	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.247
Turner ss	4	1	1	1	1	0	.247
Harper rf	4	1	3	0	1	0	.260
De La Cruz rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Arraez 2b	5	0	1	1	0	0	.314
Bohm 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.242
Stott 3b	3	1	1	0	2	0	.266
Marsh lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.272
Realmuto c	2	1	1	0	2	0	.217
Crawford cf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.267
Hill ph-cf	1	0	1	2	1	0	.236
TOTALS	31	6	11	6	7	2	—

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E: Jiménez (4). **LOB:** Miami 11, Philadelphia 12. **2B:** Ramírez (8), Sanoja (26), Crawford (17). **HR:** Navarreto (1), off Raley.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Junk	5	8	2	2	2	2	4.37
King	1	1	2	2	3	0	3.88
Vodnik	1	0	1	0	2	0	5.14
Gibson	1	2	1	1	0	0	5.61

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sánchez	6	8	1	1	3	6	2.51
Bowlan	1	3	2	2	1	2	2.96
Raley	⅔	1	1	1	0	0	2.30
Kerkering	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.70
Duran	1	2	1	1	0	0	1.83

WP: Sánchez (16-4); **LP:** Junk (6-8); **S:** Duran (27). **IBB:** off King (Turner). **HBP:** Vodnik (Bohm). **WP:** Sánchez. ABS Challenge_Lopez (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_King (pitcher) Ejected_McCullough. **T:** 3:09. **A:** 37,544 (42,901).

Royals 9, Athletics 5

Bobby Witt Jr. had a two-run homer and an RBI double and scored four times, leading Kansas City to a victory over the Athletics.

Jac Caglinone hit two RBI singles for the Royals, one in the sixth and the other in the eighth.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McNeil 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.259
Bolte cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.268
Butler rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.210
Gelof dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.276
Cortes lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.260
White 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.267
Walton 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.277
Williams ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Heim ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Serven c	4	1	1	2	0	0	.200
TOTALS	32	5	8	4	3	4	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Jensen c	5	1	1	0	0	1	.219
Witt ss	4	4	3	3	1	0	.286
Caglianone rf	5	1	3	2	0	0	.276
Garcia 3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.264
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.232
Perez dh	3	0	1	2	0	1	.215
Massey 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.272
Collins lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.227
Isbel cf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.232
TOTALS	35	9	13	9	4	6	—

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E: Serven (1). **LOB:** Athletics 4, Kansas City 7. **2B:** Walton (11), Pasquantino (12), Jensen (25), Witt (26). **HR:** McNeil (6), off Wacha; White (2), off Wacha; Serven (3), off Wacha; Witt (15), off Barnett.

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Barnett	2⅔	7	6	6	4	2	7.08
Juenger	2⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.14
Blewett	2	3	1	1	0	3	3.00
Johnson	1	3	2	2	0	1	7.29

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wacha	5	6	4	4	0	3	3.58
Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	1	18.4
Schreiber	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.60
Pearson	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.73
Erceg	0	1	1	1	2	0	6.23
Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.08

WP: Wacha (6-8); **LP:** Barnett (1-4); **S:** Cruz (5). Erceg pitched to 3 batters in the 9th **Inherited runners-scored:** Juenger 2-0, Cruz 3-1. **HBP:** Pearson (Bolte). **WP:** Barnett(2), Erceg. ABS Challenge_Juenger (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:45. **A:** 12,438 (38,427).

Tigers 8, Pirates 5

Kevin McGonigle hit a two-run homer, and Detroit held off Pittsburgh.

Brett Callahan and Hao-Yu Lee also drove in two runs as the Tigers built an 8-1 lead before Pittsburgh scored four times in the sixth.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres dh	4	2	1	0	2	1	.271
McGonigle 3b	6	2	2	2	0	1	.282
Dingler c	5	0	1	0	1	1	.258
Keith 1b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.269
Torkelson ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.228
McKinstry rf	4	1	3	1	1	0	.223
Lee 2b	3	1	3	2	2	0	.275
Callahan lf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.333
Malgeri ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Clark cf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.270
Báez ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
TOTALS	40	8	14	8	7	8	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Triolo ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Gonzalez ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.231
E.Valdez rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.254
Reynolds lf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.261
Gonzales 2b	2	1	1	0	2	0	.308
Lowe dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.254
Flores 1b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.279
Mangum cf	2	2	0	0	2	0	.298
Yorke 3b	4	1	2	3	0	1	.226
Davis c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.170
TOTALS	34	5	6	4	5	11	—

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E: Lee (5), Báez (6), Gonzales (12). **LOB:** Detroit 13, Pittsburgh 7. **2B:** McKinstry (14), Gonzales (22), Yorke (4). **HR:** McGonigle (13), off Mlodzinski.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
F.Valdez	5⅔	5	5	4	4	5	4.35
Finnegan	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	3.33
Sommers	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3	3.42
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.74

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mlodzinski	3	8	4	4	1	3	4.03
Mattson	2	2	1	1	2	1	4.91
Ramírez	1	2	3	3	3	0	3.03
Yates	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.60
Soto	1	2	0	0	0	3	3.59
Doval	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.15

WP: F.Valdez (8-8); **LP:** Mlodzinski (6-6); **S:** Jansen (16). **Inherited runners-scored:** Finnegan 1-1, Sommers 2-0. **HBP:** Doval (Báez). **WP:** Ramírez. Pitch timer violations_Mlodzinski (pitcher). **T:** 3:18. **A:** 21,956 (38,753).

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NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Cardinals: Recalled LHP Quinn Mathews from Class AAA Memphis.

Diamondbacks: Placed 2B Ketel Marte on the restricted list.

Mets: Selected the contract of 1B Christopher Morel from Class AAA Syracuse and designated 3B Gabriel Arias for assignment.

Twins: Recalled C Alex Jackson from Class AAA St. Paul and placed RF Austin Martin on the 10-day injured list.

Rays: Reinstated LHP Shane McClanahan from the 15-day IL and optioned RHP Joe Boyle to Class AAA Durham.

Reds: Designated RHP Ron Marinaccio for assignment.

Rockies: Designated RHP Michael Lorenzen for assignment.

Yankees: Placed LHP Max Fried on the 15-day IL with a left elbow bone bruise.

TODAY

Interleague games

NATIONALS AT RANGERS, 8:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Kent (L)	0-0	6.75	0-1
Quantrill (R)	4-4	3.44	3-5
TIGERS AT PIRATES, 6:40			
Montero (R)	9-7	3.22	10-10
Ashcraft (R)	12-5	3.88	16-8
GIANTS AT GUARDIANS, 6:40			
Whisenhunt (L)	3-3	6.11	3-3
Griffin (L)	13-4	3.25	18-6
DIAMONDBACKS AT RED SOX, 7:10			
Kelly (R)	8-10	5.11	9-13
Suarez (L)	4-3	3.25	12-9
BRAVES AT TWINS, 7:40			
Mahle (R)	4-9	4.64	7-13
Matthews (R)	6-8	5.34	8-8
MARINERS AT BREWERS, 7:40			
Miller (R)	4-6	3.39	4-10
Harrison (L)	9-3	3.47	13-6
WHITE SOX AT CUBS, 8:05			
TBD	----	----	----
Gausman (R)	6-11	4.53	10-15

Interleague scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 7, at Minnesota 5
at Pittsburgh 8, Boston 3
San Diego 5, at Cleveland 0

MONDAY'S RESULTS

at Boston 11, Arizona 1
Detroit 8, at Pittsburgh 5
Atlanta at Minnesota, late
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, late

AL games

YANKEES AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rodón (L)	4-2	3.30	5-4
Baz (R)	4-12	4.00	6-18
BLUE JAYS AT RAYS, 6:40			
Soriano (R)	9-6	3.16	14-10
Martinez (R)	12-3	2.74	18-5
ATHLETICS AT ROYALS, 7:40			
Perkins (R)	2-9	7.27	1-10
Lynch (L)	4-4	2.88	0-2
ANGELS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Klassen (R)	1-1	5.52	3-1
Javier (R)	1-3	6.68	1-5

AL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Baltimore 10, at Tampa Bay 2
Chicago White Sox 7, at Detroit 5
N.Y. Yankees 4, at Toronto 3 (10)
at Athletics 5, Texas 2
Kansas City 3, at L.A. Angels 0
Seattle 3, at Houston 2

MONDAY'S RESULTS

at Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 6
at Kansas City 9, Athletics 5

NL games

MARLINS AT PHILLIES, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
TBD	----	----	----
Wheeler (R)	10-4	2.89	14-6
CARDINALS AT REDS, 6:40			
Leahy (R)	9-4	3.38	11-12
Abbott (L)	6-7	4.13	13-12
PADRES AT METS, 7:10			
Ray (L)	10-7	3.28	14-9
Thornton (L)	3-3	2.78	3-5
DODGERS AT ROCKIES, 8:40			
Lauer (L)	7-6	4.67	11-5
Feltner (R)	5-6	5.59	8-10

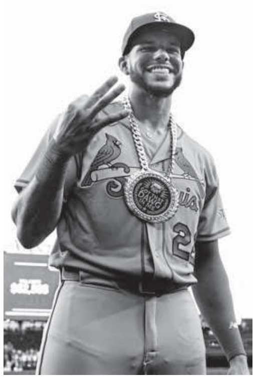
NL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

at N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 3
at Atlanta 5, Arizona 3
Miami 7, at Cincinnati 1
St. Louis 11, at Chicago Cubs 4
Milwaukee 6, at L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 13, at San Francisco 7

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Game 1: St. Louis 2, at Cincinnati 1
Game 2: at Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 5 (10)
at N.Y. Mets 2, San Diego 1
at Philadelphia 6, Miami 5
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late



PAUL BEATY/AP

The Cardinals' Joshua Baez set an MLB record by hitting three homers in his debut Saturday.

So *someone* has to get the last AL playoff spot

BASEBALL FROM **B7**

than normal.

The 1981 Kansas City Royals (50-53) qualified for the postseason thanks to a split-season format caused by a players' strike during the middle of the summer.

In 2020, the Astros and Milwaukee Brewers both squeezed into the playoff bracket with a 29-31 record during the pandemic-shortened season, which had an expanded postseason field of 16 teams.

Trivia question

Joshua Báez became the first player to hit three home runs in his big league debut, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to an 8-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Only seven players have hit even two homers in their first regular season game in the majors since 1900.

Who are they?

The workhorse returns

Miami Marlins ace Sandy Alcantara has had a great bounce-back season with a 13-7 record and 3.43 ERA after struggling last year following Tommy John surgery that caused him to miss the 2024 season.

He's also doing what he does best — pitch deep into games.

The 2022 National League Cy Young winner has already thrown 170⅔ innings this year, which leads the big leagues by a large margin.

If he continues at this pace, he will throw roughly 220 innings in 2026.

Throwing more than 200 innings has become increasingly rare over the past few decades as teams lean more on their bullpens.

Only three pitchers reached the mark last season — Logan Webb, Garrett Crochet and Cristopher Sanchez.

Just 20 years ago in 2006, there were 45 pitchers who hit 200 innings.

If Alcantara manages to make it to 220 this season, that will be most in the big leagues since — Sandy Alcantara. He threw 228⅔ innings during 2022 when he won the Cy Young.

Dodgers in the dumps

The Dodgers are the two-time defending World Series champions and one of the favorites to win the title again this season.

They sure aren't playing like it these days.

Los Angeles is 5-11 in its past 16 games, having been swept by the Red Sox and Cubs and losing series to the Arizona Diamondbacks and Brewers in that span. Since July 1, the Dodgers are 18-21.

"I say this because it's just been four or five, six weeks of below-average production in our offense. It's just the truth, and I think we have just haven't played clean baseball for quite some time, and that speaks to the defense," Manager Dave Roberts said.

The Dodgers have a chance to gain some momentum this week with three games against the Colorado Rockies and three more against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Rockies are in last place in the NL West, while the Pirates have fallen to 61-65 after a promising start to the season.

Trivia answer

Jose Fernandez (Diamondbacks, 2026), Chase DeLauter (Guardians, 2026), Trevor Story (Rockies, 2016), J.P. Arencibia (Blue Jays, 2010), Mark Quinn (Royals, 1999), Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics, 1964) and Bob Nieman (St. Louis Browns, 1951).

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL preseason

THURSDAY, AUG. 6
HALL OF FAME GAME — IN CANTON, OHIO
Carolina 33, Arizona 30

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
at Cincinnati 16, Detroit 14
at Pittsburgh 28, Green Bay 9
Indianapolis 13, at New England 13
L.A. Chargers 27, at Houston 7
Arizona 27, at Las Vegas 14
Tennessee 19, at San Francisco 13

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 20, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 24, at N.Y. Jets 16
Denver 27, at Atlanta 7

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 24, Philadelphia 7
Minnesota 13, at N.Y. Giants 10
at Buffalo 29, Carolina 14
at Chicago 34, Cleveland 10
Jacksonville 24, at New Orleans 20
L.A. Rams 20, at Kansas City 12
Dallas 17, at Seattle 7

WEEK 2
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Houston, 8
San Francisco at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 7
Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30
Green Bay at Denver, 9

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Detroit, noon
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 4
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 4
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7
Philadelphia at New England, 7
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:30
Dallas at Arizona, 10

SUNDAY'S GAME
Seattle at Tennessee, 8

WEEK 3
THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7
New England at Cleveland, 8
San Francisco at Las Vegas, 8
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Washington at Baltimore, 6
Atlanta at Miami, 7
Houston at Carolina, 7
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8
Seattle at Kansas City, 8
New Orleans at Dallas, 8
Arizona at Green Bay, 8
Minnesota at Denver, 9

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1
Chicago at Tennessee, 6

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Denny Hamlin, 969.
2. Ryan Blaney, 854.
3. Ty Gibbs, 842.
4. Tyler Reddick, 831.
5. Chase Briscoe, 715.
6. Chase Elliott, 695.
7. Christopher Bell, 695.
8. Kyle Larson, 660.
9. Joey Logano, 659.
10. Chris Buescher, 653.
11. Carson Hocevar, 645.
12. William Byron, 630.
13. Daniel Suárez, 618.
14. Bubba Wallace, 587.
15. Austin Cindric, 574.
16. Shane Van Gisbergen, 567.
17. Ryan Preece, 517.
18. Ross Chastain, 504.
19. Brad Keselowski, 489.
20. Erik Jones, 486.
21. Michael McDowell, 463.
22. AJ Allmendinger, 442.
23. Todd Gilliland, 428.
24. Zane Smith, 418.
25. Austin Dillon, 400.

NASCAR O'Reilly Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Justin Allgaier, 1048 (6).
2. Carson Kvapil, 810 (2).
3. Sheldon Creed, 782 (1).
4. Jesse Love, 749 (0).
5. Corey Day, 727 (2).
6. Brandon Jones, 718 (1).
7. Austin Hill, 716 (2).
8. Sammy Smith, 692 (0).
9. Parker Retzlaff, 643 (0).
10. Sam Mayer, 616 (0).
11. William Sawalich, 598 (1).
12. Brent Crews, 598 (0).
13. Taylor Gray, 597 (1).
14. Rajah Caruth, 583 (0).
15. Ryan Sieg, 514 (0).
16. Anthony Alfredo, 464 (0).
17. Brennan Poole, 421 (0).
18. Dean Thompson, 418 (0).
19. Jeremy Clements, 380 (0).
20. Harrison Burton, 366 (0).
21. Jeb Burton, 348 (0).
22. Blaine Perkins, 333 (0).
23. Patrick Staropoli, 329 (0).
24. Josh Bilicki, 279 (0).
25. Kyle Sieg, 270 (0).
26. Austin Green, 262 (0).
27. Lavar Scott, 255 (0).
28. Ryan Ellis, 235 (0).
29. Nicholas Sanchez, 186 (0).
30. Garrett Smithley, 163 (0).
31. Joey Gase, 147 (0).
32. Josh Williams, 129 (0).
33. Mason Maggio, 105 (0).
34. Alex Labbe, 93 (0).
35. JJ Yeley, 81 (0).
36. Nathan Byrd, 79 (0).
37. Andrew Patterson, 72 (0).
38. Preston Pardus, 52 (0).
39. Dawson Cram, 52 (0).
40. Myatt Snider, 49 (0).
41. Jordan Anderson, 43 (0).
42. Will Rodgers, 41 (0).
43. Brad Perez, 36 (0).
44. David Starr, 33 (0).
45. Lee Pulliam, 32 (0).
46. Luke Fenhaus, 31 (0).
47. Carson Ware, 30 (0).
48. Blake Lothian, 30 (0).

IndyCar

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Alex Palou, 542.
2. Kyle Kirkwood, 409.
3. David Malukas, 405.
4. Christian Lundgaard, 403.
5. Pato O'Ward, 385.
6. Josef Newgarden, 352.
7. Scott McLaughlin, 345.
8. Felix Rosenqvist, 344.
9. Marcus Ericsson, 329.
10. Rinus VeeKay, 295.
11. Will Power, 292.
12. Scott Dixon, 264.
13. Graham Rahal, 258.
14. Kyffin Simpson, 252.
15. Marcus Armstrong, 244.
16. Santino Ferrucci, 225.
17. Alexander Rossi, 218.
18. Romain Grosjean, 209.
19. Louis Foster, 200.
20. Nolan Siegel, 195.
21. Dennis Hauger, 189.
22. Christian Rasmussen, 164.
23. Caio Collet, 158.
24. Mick Schumacher, 151.
25. Sting Ray Robb, 150.
26. Conor Daly, 24.
27. Takuma Sato, 20.
28. Jack Harvey, 8.
29. Jacob Abel, 6.
30. Helio Castroneves, 5.
31. Ed Carpenter, 5.
32. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 5.

Formula One

POINTS LEADERS
Through Sunday.
1. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, 219.
2. Lewis Hamilton, 169.
3. George Russell, 160.
4. Charles Leclerc, 138.
5. Lando Norris, 128.
6. Max Verstappen, 109.
7. Oscar Piastri, 92.
8. Isack Hadjar, 68.
9. Liam Lawson, 43.
10. Pierre Gasly, 42.
11. Arvid Lindblad, 23.
12. Franco Colapinto, 19.
13. Oliver Bearman, 18.
14. Gabriel Bortoleto, 10.
15. Carlos Sainz Jr., 6.
16. Alexander Albon, 5.
17. Esteban Ocon, 3.
18. Nico Hulkenberg, 2.
19. Fernando Alonso, 1.
20. Lance Stroll, 0.
21. Valtteri Bottas, 0.

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	23	12	.657	—
Atlanta	21	13	.618	1½
New York	22	14	.611	1½
Washington	20	14	.588	2½
Chicago	13	22	.371	10
Toronto	10	23	.303	12
Connecticut	8	25	.242	14

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Minnesota	29	7	.806	—
x-Golden State	24	9	.727	3½
y-Las Vegas	24	12	.667	5
x-Dallas	20	15	.571	8½
Portland	15	20	.429	13½
Phoenix	13	23	.361	16
Los Angeles	12	22	.353	16
Seattle	7	30	.189	22½

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff spot

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Indiana 98, Dallas 87
Portland 84, at Seattle 82

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 80, Los Angeles 70
New York 82, at Connecticut 75
Minnesota 92, at Las Vegas 87

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 82, at Seattle 80
Indiana 95, at Atlanta 91 (OT)
Portland 88, at Phoenix 85

MONDAY'S RESULT
Dallas at Golden State, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Toronto, 7
Los Angeles at Connecticut, 7
Atlanta at Las Vegas, 9
New York at Chicago, 9

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Washington, 7:30
Minnesota at Golden State, 10

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Dallas, 8
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10
Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Washington, 7:30
Golden State at Chicago, 7:30
Portland vs. Toronto in Vacouver, British Columbia

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at New York, 7
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 9
Atlanta at Phoenix, 10

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

vs. Toronto Tempo

Wednesday	7:30	Monumental

vs. Minnesota Lynx

Friday	7:30	ION

at Portland Fire

Sunday	7	Monumental

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BASEBALL

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at Texas Rangers

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Thursday	8:05	Fox Sports 1, Nationals.TV

at Miami Marlins

Friday	7:10	Nationals.TV
Saturday	4:10	Fox Sports 1, Nationals.TV
Sunday	1:40	Nationals.TV

vs. Colorado Rockies

Monday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Aug. 25	6:45	Nationals.TV
Aug. 26	6:45	Nationals.TV
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DOUBLE ELIMINATION
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Leon (Nicaragua) vs. Santiago (Dominican Republic), 1
Game 2: Phenix City (Ala.) vs. Tacoma (Wash.), 3
Game 3: Vancouver (Canada) vs. Seoul (South Korea), 5
Game 4: Bayonne (N.J.) vs. Bridgewater (Mass.), 7

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Sydney (Australia) vs. Tijuana (Mexico), noon
Game 6: Hamilton (Ohio) vs. Henderson (Nev.), 2
Game 7: Pariba (Curaçao) vs. Tokyo (Japan), 4
Game 8: Bonita (Calif.) vs. Davenport (Iowa), 6

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 9: Chiriquí (Panama) vs. Game 1 winner, 1
Game 10: Boerne (Texas) vs. Game 2 winner, 3
Game 11: Brno (Czech Republic) vs. Game 3 winner, 5
Game 12: West Chester (Pa.) vs. Game 4 winner, 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 13: Game 3 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 1
Game 14: Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3
Game 15: Game 1 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 5
Game 16: Game 2 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 17: Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 18: Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 19: Game 8 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 1
Game 20: Game 7 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 2

MONDAY'S GAMES
Game 21: Game 9 loser vs. Game 13 winner, 1
Game 22: Game 10 loser vs. Game 14 winner, 3
Game 23: Game 11 loser vs. Game 15 winner, 5
Game 24: Game 12 loser vs. Game 16 winner, 7

TUESDAY, AUG. 25
Game 25: Game 18 loser vs. Game 23 winner, 1
Game 26: Game 17 loser vs. Game 24 winner, 3
Game 27: Game 20 loser vs. Game 21 winner, 5
Game 28: game 19 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26
Game 29: Game 18 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 1
Game 30: Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, 3
Game 31: Game 25 winner vs. Game 27 winner, 5
Game 32: Game 26 winner vs. Game 28 winner, 7

THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Game 33: Game 29 loser vs. Game 31 winner, 3
Game 34: Game 30 loser vs. Game 32 winner, 7

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 12:30

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3:30

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
THIRD PLACE
Teams TBD, 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	13	2	4	43	39	15
Inter Miami CF	11	3	5	38	46	36
Chicago	10	6	2	32	34	24
New England	9	7	3	30	29	25
Charlotte FC	8	7	4	28	32	28
Cincinnati	7	6	6	27	46	45
New York City FC	7	7	5	26	33	27
New York	7	8	4	25	30	41
D.C. United	5	5	9	24	27	30
Orlando City	6	10	3	21	31	48
Columbus	5	9	5	20	27	31
Toronto FC	4	7	8	20	26	33
Philadelphia	5	10	4	19	28	35
CF Montreal	4	10	5	17	25	36
Atlanta	4	12	3	15	21	34

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	11	3	4	37	40	17
Houston	11	6	2	35	28	24
Los Angeles FC	10	6	4	34	35	20
San Jose	10	6	3	33	38	27
FC Dallas	8	5	6	30	34	26
St. Louis City SC	8	6	5	29	27	25
Real Salt Lake	8	6	4	28	30	26
Colorado	8	10	1	25	29	25
Minnesota United	6	6	7	25	21	26
Portland	7	9	3	24	34	35
Seattle	7	8	3	24	20	24
San Diego FC	6	7	6	24	33	29
LA Galaxy	5	8	7	22	24	30
Austin FC	4	10	5	17	23	38
Sporting KC	4	13	2	14	18	48

x-Late match

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 1, CF Montreal 1
Atlanta 2, New York 1
Charlotte FC 3, Columbus 1
Cincinnati 1, Orlando City 1
Toronto FC 2, New England 1
Houston 1, LA Galaxy 0
Nashville 4, Miami 1
Colorado 2, Sporting KC 0
Minnesota 1, Real Salt Lake 1
San Diego FC 1, Los Angeles FC 0
St. Louis City SC 3, San Jose 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 2, at Portland 1
at Philadelphia 3, New York City FC 2
at FC Dallas 2, Austin FC 1
at Vancouver 2, Seattle 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
New England at D.C. United, 7:30
New York City FC at Cincinnati, 7:30
CF Montreal at Columbus, 7:30
Nashville at New York, 7:30
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30
St. Louis City SC at Sporting KC, 8
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 9:30
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Austin FC at Seattle, 9:30
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10:30
San Diego FC at Portland, 10:30
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Seattle at Cincinnati, 7:30
Toronto FC at Miami, 7:30
LA Galaxy at CF Montreal, 7:30
Chicago at New York, 7:30
Real Salt Lake at Orlando City, 7:30
Philadelphia at Austin FC, 8:30
Columbus at Nashville, 8:30
Houston at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 9:30
Portland at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Colorado at San Diego FC, 10:30
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at New England, 4:30
Sporting KC at Atlanta, 7

Whitecaps 2, Sounders 0

Late Sunday

VANCOUVER	0	2	2
SEATTLE	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, Vancouver, Elloumi, 1 (Sabbi), 77th minute; 2, Vancouver, Muller, 6 (Gauld), 82nd.
Goalies: Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka, Isaac Boehmer; Seattle, Andrew Thomas, Stefan Frei.
Yellow Cards: Ragen, Seattle, 58th; Tolo, Seattle, 76th; Rothrock, Seattle, 86th.
Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka; Tate Johnson, Mathias Laborda, Edier Ocampo; Jeevan Badwal (Rayan Elloumi, 18th), Andres Cubas, Oliver Larraz, Ralph Priso (Tristan Blackmon, 66th), Emmanuel Sabbi (Nikola Djordjevic, 90th); Thomas Muller, Cheikh Sabaly (Ryan Gauld, 60th)
Seattle, Andrew Thomas; Jackson Ragen, Nouhou Tolo; Snyder Brunell (Antino Lopez, 58th), Peter Kingston, Kalani Kossa-Rienzi (Kim Kee-hee, 73rd), Alex Roldan (Charlie Gaffney, 90th+1), Paul Rothrock, Albert Rusnak; Jesus Ferreira (Sebastian Gomez, 36th), Danny Musovski (Osaze De Rosario, 73rd)

FC Dallas 2, Austin FC 1

Late Sunday

DALLAS	1	1	2
AUSTIN FC	0	1	1

First Half: 1, Dallas, Abubakar, 1 (Moreno), 45th+2 minute.
Second Half: 2, Austin FC, Torres, 1, 57th; 3, Dallas, Musa, 14 (Valiente), 73rd.
Goalies: Dallas, Jonathan Sirois, Michael Collodi; Austin FC, Brad Stuver, Damian Las.
Yellow Cards: Ramiro, Dallas, 33rd; Djordjevic, Austin FC, 35th; Kamungo, Dallas, 60th; Valiente, Dallas, 63rd; Svatok, Austin FC, 68th; Urhoghide, Dallas, 83rd; Uzuni, Austin FC, 90th+9.
Dallas, Jonathan Sirois; Lalas Abubakar, Sebastien Ibeagha, Herman Johansson, Osaze Urhoghide; Christian Cappis, Bernard Kamungo, Santiago Moreno (Logan Farrington, 70th), Ramiro (Kaick, 79th), Joaquin Valiente (Clay Holstad, 85th); Petar Musa (Ran Benjamin, 85th)
Austin FC, Brad Stuver; Guilherme Biro (Jayden Nelson, 82nd), Mateja Djordjevic, Jon Gallagher (Zan Kolmanic, 63rd), Oleksandr Svatok; Joseph Rosales (Facundo Torres, 46th), Besard Sabovic, Ilie Sanchez (Przemyslaw Placheta, 46th), Ervin Torres; Christian Ramirez (Brandon Vazquez, 63rd), Myrto Uzuni

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	13	3	4	43	26	13
Washington	11	5	4	37	30	18
Utah	11	6	3	36	35	23
Portland	10	6	4	34	34	29
San Diego	10	7	3	33	25	21
North Carolina	9	7	3	30	34	29
Kansas City	9	8	3	30	31	28
Seattle	8	7	3	27	23	23
Angel City	7	7	4	25	27	20
Denver	6	7	6	24	25	25
Houston	6	8	5	23	23	28
Orlando	7	11	2	23	24	31
Louisville	6	11	2	20	28	36
Boston	5	10	5	20	23	32
Bay FC	5	10	4	19	20	27
Chicago	4	14	1	13	9	34

x-Late match

SUNDAY, AUG. 9
Portland 4, at Boston 3
Bay FC 0, at Chicago 0
Angel City 2, at Seattle 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Gotham FC 2, Kansas City 1
Denver, at San Diego 1
at Seattle 1, Chicago 0
at Utah 3, Bay FC 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Louisville 4, Boston 1
at Portland 2, Orlando 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 1, at Angel City 1
Houston 3, at North Carolina 2

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Seattle at Louisville, 6:30
Chicago at Houston, 8

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Utah at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Seattle at Kansas City, 6:30
Boston at North Carolina, 7:30
Denver at Portland, 8:45

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Washington, 4
Louisville at Chicago, 2
Houston at Bay FC, 6
Gotham FC at Angel City, 8

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26
Angel City at North Carolina, 8

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Portland at Gotham FC, 8
Louisville at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY AUG. 29
Kansas City at Seattle, 6:30
North Carolina at Boston, 7:30
Portland at Denver, 8:45

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP PRESEASON TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

		RECORD	PTS	PVS
1.	Ohio State (40)	0-0	1672	1
2.	Oregon (14)	0-0	1597	2
3.	Georgia	0-0	1513	3
4.	Notre Dame (6)	0-0	1510	4
5.	Texas	0-0	1483	5
6.	Indiana (8)	0-0	1440	6
7.	Miami (1)	0-0	1379	7
8.	Texas A&M	0-0	1131	8
9.	Mississippi	0-0	1102	9
10.	Oklahoma	0-0	1047	10
11.	LSU	0-0	988	11
12.	Texas Tech	0-0	983	12
13.	Alabama	0-0	904	13
14.	BYU	0-0	839	14
14.	USC	0-0	839	14
16.	Michigan	0-0	718	16
17.	Washington	0-0	501	17
18.	Penn State	0-0	482	18
19.	SMU	0-0	434	19
20.	Tennessee	0-0	394	20
21.	Utah	0-0	304	21
22.	Iowa	0-0	260	22
23.	Houston	0-0	252	23
24.	Louisville	0-0	198	24
25.	Missouri	0-0	117	25

Others receiving votes: Clemson 112, Florida 51, Boise State 43, Arizona 32, TCU 11, Navy 10, South Carolina 10, Illinois 9, Oklahoma State 8, Vanderbilt 8, Pittsburgh 7, Virginia Tech 6, Minnesota 5, UNLV 4, New Mexico 4, Georgia Tech 4, James Madison 3, Auburn 3, Memphis 2, California 2, Liberty 1, Western Michigan 1, Tulane 1, Virginia 1

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

CINCINATI OPEN
At Lindner Family Tennis Center; In Cincinnati
Purse: $9,415,725
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Thiago Agustin Tirante, Argentina, def. Martin Landaluce, Spain, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-4); Flavio Cobolli (7), Italy, def. Alexander Blockx (28), Belgium, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; Alex de Minaur (5), Australia, def. Arthur Fery (32), Britain, 7-5, 7-6 (7-3); Rafael Jodar (12), Spain, def. Alejandro Tabilo (22), Chile, 6-2, 6-1; Jakub Mensik (14), Czech Republic, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 6-3, 6-4; Alexander Zverev (1), Germany, def. Terence Atmane, France, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (8-6).

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Iga Swiatek (7), Poland, def. Maria Sakkari (29), Greece, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; Diane Parry, France, def. Lois Boisson, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Elena Rybakina (2), Kazakhstan, def. Magdalena Frech, Poland, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2); Sorana Cirstea (15), Romania, def. Anna Kalinskaya (18), Russia, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 5-0, ret; Diana Shnaider (14), Russia, def. Maja Chwalinska (19), Poland, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3); Linda Noskova (6), Czech Republic, def. Clara Tauson (27), Denmark, 7-6 (3), 6-2; Jessica Pegula (3), United States, def. Emma Navarro (25), United States, 7-5, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Argentina, and Luciano Darderi, Italy, def. Lorenzo Musetti and Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4); Evan King and Robert Galloway, United States, def. Guido Andreozzi, Argentina, and Manuel Guinard (8), France, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (10-8), 10-7; Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori (4), Italy, def. Arthur Rinderknech, France, and Valentin Vacherot, Monaco, 7-6 (12-10), 3-6, 10-5; Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Marcelo Arevalo (7-3), El Salvador, def. Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev, Russia, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2), 10-3; Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek, United States, def. Brandon Nakashima and Robert Cash, United States, 7-5, 6-4; Jakob Schnaitter and Mark Wallner, Germany, def. Kevin Krawietz and Tim Putz (6), Germany, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 10-6; Robin Haase, Netherlands, and Constantin Frantzen, Germany, def. Lucas Miedler, Austria, and Marc Polmans, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia, France, def. Flavio Cobolli, Italy, and Ignacio Buse, Peru, 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 12-10.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, def. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, United States, and Cristina Bucsa (4), Spain, 6-3, 1-6, 10-4; Zhang Shuai and Xinyu Jiang, China, def. Katarzyna Piter, Poland, and Janice Tjen, Indonesia, 7-5, 6-7 (7-2), 10-7; Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Maia Lumsden, Britain, def. Irina Khromacheva, Russia, and Anastasia Detiuc, Czechia, 6-3, 6-3; Taylor Townsend, United States, and Katerina Siniakova (1), Czechia, def. Darija Jurak Schreiber, Croatia, and Fang-Hsien Wu, Taiwan, 6-2, 4-6, 10-7; Caty McNally and Iva Jovic, United States, def. Xu Yifan and Qianhui Tang, China, 6-3, 5-7, 10-7; Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Magali Kempen, Belgium, def. Storm Hunter, Australia, and Desirae Krawczyk, United States, 6-3, 6-4; Sara Errani, Italy, and Leylah Fernandez, Canada, def. Emily Webley-Smith, Britain, and Tamara Korpatsch, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2); Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, and Peyton Stearns, United States, def. Venus Williams and Serena Williams, United States, 6-2, 1-6, 10-8.

ATP

Through Sunday.

SINGLES RANKINGS
1. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 13450
2. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 8160
3. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 8090
4. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 4740
5. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 3760
6. Ben Shelton, USA, 3670
7. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 3580
8. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 3560
9. Taylor Fritz, USA, 3375
10. Flavio Cobolli, Italy, 3330
11. Rafael Jodar, Spain, 2621
12. Learner Tien, USA, 2545
13. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 2525
14. Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, 2470
15. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy, 2415
16. Jakub Mensik, Czech Republic, 2395
17. Casper Ruud, Norway, 2385
18. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 2230
19. Valentin Vacherot, Monaco, 2186
20. Luciano Darderi, Italy, 2175
21. Arthur Fils, France, 2140

DOUBLES RANKINGS
1. Harri Heliovaara, Finland, 10050
1. Henry Patten, Britain, 10050
3. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7310
4. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 7310
5. Neal Skupski, Britain, 6450
6. Marcelo Arevalo, El Salvador, 5470
7. Mate Pavic, Croatia, 5470
8. Andrea Vavassori, Italy, 5090
9. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 4790
10. Kevin Krawietz, Germany, 4740

WTA

Through Sunday.

SINGLES RANKINGS
1. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 8670
2. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 8316
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 6680
4. Coco Gauff, USA, 5919
5. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 5419
6. Mirra Andreeva, Russia, 5323
7. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, 5048
8. Linda Noskova, Czech Republic, 5016
9. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4634
10. Amanda Anisimova, USA, 4353
11. Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 3830
12. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 2995
13. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 2846
14. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 2798
15. Jasmine Paolini, Italy, 2773
16. Iva Jovic, USA, 2691
17. Victoria Mboko, Canada, 2530
18. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 2506
19. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 2502
20. Alexandra Eala, Philippines, 2216
21. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 2083

DOUBLES RANKINGS
1. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 10760
2. Taylor Townsend, USA, 8845
3. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, 8805
4. Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 7445
5. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6950
6. Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, 6775
7. Zhang Shuai, China, 5765
8. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 5533
9. Sara Errani, Italy, 5155
10. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, USA, 4950

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Los Angeles Dodgers: Recalled RHP Kyle Hurt from Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed LHP Justin Wrobleski on the 15-day IL.
Pittsburgh Pirates: Recalled LHP Hunter Barco and 3B Nick Yorke from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned RHP Wilber Dotel and SS Jack Brannigan to Indianapolis.

NFL

Arizona Cardinals: Signed RB Tre Stewart.
Baltimore Ravens: Signed RB Jonathan Ward.
Chicago Bears: Reinstated LT Ozzy Trapilo. Waived DBs K.C. Eziomume, Gervarrius Owens and WR Kyron Hudson with injury settlements.
Detroit Lions: Signed RB Trayveon Williams and CB Ekow Boye-Doe. Waived RB Kye Robichaux and DB Loren Strickland.
Houston Texans: Signed TE Louis Hansen.
Miami Dolphins: Signed QB Mark Gronowski and LB Cam Riley. Waived DB Ethan Robinson. Placed G Jamaree Salyer on injured reserve.
Tennessee Titans: Signed TE Matt Lauter and RB Dominic Richardson. Placed LB Jaylen Harrell and TE Jaren Kanak on injured reserve.

GOLF

PGA Tour

FEDEX CUP LEADERS
Through Sunday.

		Points	Money
1.	Scottie Scheffler	4,873	$20,511,275
2.	Matt Fitzpatrick	3,426	$14,118,067
3.	Cameron Young	3,183	$14,302,482
4.	Si Woo Kim	2,701	$9,610,944
5.	Wyndham Clark	2,542	$10,636,186
6.	Sam Burns	2,416	$8,743,540
7.	Chris Gotterup	2,288	$7,882,219
8.	Tommy Fleetwood	2,247	$6,984,605
9.	Collin Morikawa	2,242	$8,601,712
10.	Ludvig Åberg	2,130	$6,835,271
11.	Xander Schauffele	1,981	$7,275,225
12.	Jacob Bridgeman	1,761	$7,678,365
13.	Rory McIlroy	1,745	$8,506,606
14.	Russell Henley	1,740	$6,019,835
15.	Akshay Bhatia	1,730	$7,514,799
16.	Hideki Matsuyama	1,600	$5,526,457
17.	Ryan Gerard	1,540	$5,987,898
18.	Min Woo Lee	1,481	$5,693,252
19.	Kristoffer Reitan	1,473	$6,227,739
20.	Alex Fitzpatrick	1,416	$4,590,614
21.	J.J. Spaun	1,414	$4,878,908
22.	Viktor Hovland	1,397	$6,371,326
23.	Alex Smalley	1,375	$5,118,908
24.	Justin Rose	1,355	$4,939,356
25.	Ryan Fox	1,352	$5,468,659
26.	Tom Kim	1,341	$4,663,710
27.	Adam Scott	1,315	$4,149,268
28.	Kurt Kitayama	1,259	$5,047,158
29.	Bud Cauley	1,258	$4,493,948
30.	Rickie Fowler	1,258	$4,870,736
31.	Gary Woodland	1,256	$4,409,712
32.	J.T. Poston	1,237	$5,752,029
33.	Nicolai Højgaard	1,208	$4,822,868
34.	Alex Noren	1,197	$4,169,215
35.	Jake Knapp	1,196	$3,882,296
36.	Robert MacIntyre	1,191	$4,353,388
37.	Aaron Rai	1,146	$5,094,602
38.	Ben Griffin	1,124	$4,103,407
39.	Sepp Straka	1,122	$4,307,687
40.	Sungjae Im	1,052	$3,190,077
41.	Michael Thorbjornsen	1,051	$3,750,041
42.	Nicolas Echavarria	1,040	$3,768,179
43.	Patrick Cantlay	1,029	$3,923,596
44.	Justin Thomas	1,027	$3,654,774
45.	Ryo Hisatsune	908	$3,335,671
46.	Sahith Theegala	898	$3,182,448
47.	Michael Brennan	875	$2,818,668
48.	Eric Cole	875	$2,869,154
49.	Maverick McNealy	863	$3,306,377
50.	Matthew McCarty	845	$3,044,181
51.	Keith Mitchell	838	$2,876,447
52.	Jordan Spieth	818	$3,142,574
53.	Max Homa	811	$2,689,554
54.	Harris English	798	$2,744,753
55.	Pierceson Coody	795	$2,879,709
56.	Harry Hall	777	$2,634,758
57.	Sam Stevens	760	$2,688,189
58.	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	752	$2,634,639
59.	Corey Conners	730	$2,552,971
60.	Daniel Berger	709	$3,325,228
61.	Michael Kim	706	$2,533,219
62.	Shane Lowry	683	$2,514,221
63.	Nick Taylor	668	$2,432,660
64.	Patrick Rodgers	657	$2,538,290
65.	Brian Harman	643	$2,464,739
66.	Jordan L. Smith	638	$2,041,932
67.	Jackson Koivun	625	$1,947,262
68.	Aldrich Potgieter	599	$1,969,406
69.	Ricky Castillo	598	$1,747,734
70.	Matti Schmid	597	$1,786,514
71.	Steven Fisk	573	$1,692,519
72.	Beau Hossler	550	$1,548,296
73.	Matt Wallace	550	$1,930,724
74.	Keegan Bradley	548	$2,225,547
75.	Mac Meissner	546	$1,685,976
76.	Andrew Putnam	538	$1,959,004
77.	Davis Thompson	516	$1,542,788
78.	Johnny Keefer	504	$1,738,454
79.	Jackson Suber	500	$1,693,527
80.	Austin Smotherman	498	$1,888,736
81.	Tom Hoge	497	$1,778,908
82.	Jason Day	495	$1,864,529
83.	Stephan Jaeger	494	$1,651,123
84.	Andrew Novak	489	$1,777,945
85.	David Lipsky	487	$1,584,323
86.	Denny McCarthy	473	$1,652,371
87.	Brandt Snedeker	462	$1,220,767
88.	Zachary Bauchou	459	$1,336,103
89.	Taylor Pendrith	458	$1,520,679
90.	Kevin Roy	457	$1,320,034
91.	Chandler Phillips	449	$1,392,538
92.	Kevin Yu	441	$1,319,753
93.	Doug Ghim	439	$1,259,146
94.	Brooks Koepka	438	$1,658,567
95.	John Parry	435	$1,290,549
96.	Ben Kohles	426	$1,259,281
97.	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	422	$1,108,094
98.	Tony Finau	416	$1,621,910
99.	Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	404	$1,098,718
100.	Billy Horschel	403	$1,362,544
101.	Lucas Glover	398	$1,433,605
102.	Taylor Moore	379	$1,283,441
103.	Max Greyserman	379	$1,475,909
104.	Kris Ventura	373	$1,180,422
105.	A.J. Ewart	373	$1,036,911
106.	Lee Hodges	371	$1,172,645
107.	Rasmus Højgaard	370	$1,189,949
108.	Benjamin James	365	$1,119,670
109.	Emiliano Grillo	361	$1,161,769
110.	Chandler Blanchet	347	$998,300
111.	Davis Riley	329	$1,153,946
112.	Marco Penge	329	$1,169,674
113.	Rico Hoey	326	$949,319
114.	Seamus Power	310	$943,759
115.	Keita Nakajima	288	$850,071
116.	William Mouw	287	$1,004,371
117.	Zecheng Dou	284	$824,818
118.	Mackenzie Hughes	283	$847,677
119.	Mark Hubbard	282	$800,419
120.	Austin Eckroat	276	$844,083
121.	Joel Dahmen	274	$845,600
122.	Zac Blair	265	$835,975
123.	Max McGreevy	256	$823,986
124.	Adrien Dumont De Chassart	248	$671,386
125.	Jesper Svensson	240	$863,313
126.	Matthieu Pavon	236	$674,303
127.	Seonghyeon Kim	235	$710,507
128.	Chris Kirk	231	$810,565
129.	Karl Vilips	226	$631,942
130.	Davis Chatfield	220	$543,011
131.	Hayden Springer	220	$626,747
132.	Chad Ramey	219	$690,382
133.	Hao-Tong Li	218	$741,536
134.	Gordon Sargent	211	$573,114
135.	Brice Garnett	210	$639,166
136.	Pontus Nyholm	205	$576,724
137.	David Skinns	193	$440,914
138.	Jimmy Stanger	192	$586,392
139.	Ben Silverman	190	$521,220
140.	Hank Lebioda	188	$576,457
141.	Jhonattan Vegas	178	$750,811
142.	Daniel Brown	175	$485,126
143.	Matt Kuchar	172	$539,464
144.	Takumi Kanaya	169	$504,146
145.	Patrick Fishburn	159	$429,988
146.	Erik Van Rooyen	154	$416,807
147.	Luke Clanton	149	$432,974
148.	Kevin Streelman	140	$353,154
149.	Joe Highsmith	138	$516,150
150.	Sam Ryder	138	$368,375

LPGA Tour

MONEY LEADERS
Through Sunday.

		Trn	Money
1.	Nelly Korda	13	$6,178,125
2.	Haeran Ryu	14	$4,432,201
3.	Jeeno Thitikul	15	$2,301,398
4.	Ina Yoon	15	$2,129,725
5.	Brooke M. Henderson	14	$2,080,635
6.	Miyu Yamashita	16	$1,942,920
7.	Charley Hull	13	$1,776,023
8.	Hyo Joo Kim	13	$1,774,409
9.	Ruoning Yin	15	$1,774,093
10.	Gaby Lopez	12	$1,761,040
11.	Hannah Green	12	$1,684,098
12.	Sei Young Kim	14	$1,613,692
13.	Jin Hee Im	17	$1,613,528
14.	Lottie Woad	17	$1,469,820
15.	Esther Henseleit	16	$1,414,797
16.	Aki Iwai	20	$1,402,825
17.	Patty Tavatanakit	13	$1,331,228
18.	Auston Kim	14	$1,252,206
19.	Allisen Corpuz	15	$1,155,724
20.	Lauren Coughlin	15	$1,138,780
21.	Alison Lee	11	$1,084,331
22.	Lydia Ko	14	$1,027,933
23.	A Lim Kim	16	$989,250
24.	Minami Katsu	18	$984,238

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		Trn	Money
1.	Ross Steelman	18	$638,738
2.	Doc Redman	19	$521,093
3.	Ian Holt	18	$481,403
4.	Alistair Docherty	17	$438,068
5.	Cole Sherwood	18	$436,314
6.	Tommy Morrison	6	$392,723
7.	Hunter Eichhorn	20	$379,097
8.	Jeremy Gandon	20	$363,621
9.	Dylan Menante	20	$359,717
10.	Michael Johnson	20	$334,085
11.	Taylor Dickson	19	$303,140
12.	Blades Brown	14	$299,689
13.	Ben Kohles	12	$295,570
14.	Ian Gilligan	19	$279,066
15.	Cooper Dossey	19	$275,050
16.	Alvaro Ortiz	20	$265,164
17.	Davis Shore	20	$264,231
18.	Davis Lamb	20	$260,209
19.	Caleb VanArragon	19	$241,620
20.	James Nicholas	17	$240,015
21.	Zack Fischer	15	$237,594
22.	Robby Shelton	20	$236,083
23.	Cole Hammer	17	$230,953
24.	Derek Hitchner	20	$230,005
25.	John Pak	19	$225,080
26.	Ben Carr	16	$222,688
27.	Carson Young	15	$221,029
28.	Mason Andersen	19	$216,486
29.	Frankie Harris	7	$214,707
30.	Drew Nesbitt	17	$209,701
31.	Logan McAllister	19	$206,005
32.	Zac Blair	9	$198,461
33.	Ryo Ishikawa	19	$181,844
34.	Sandy Scott	15	$177,857

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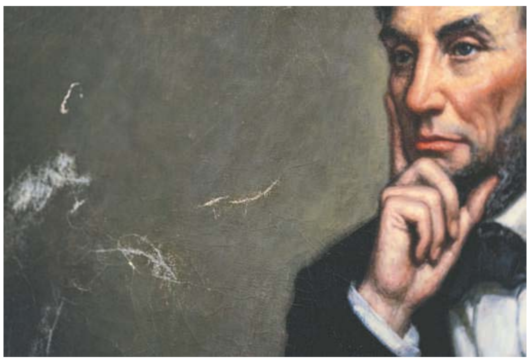
PHOTOS BY AL DRAGO/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

At her studio in Baltimore, Heather Smith addresses blemishes on a 19th-century painting of Abraham Lincoln that is owned by the National Portrait Gallery.

Lincoln portraits receive gentle makeovers

With cotton swabs and sable brushes, a veteran art conservator removes grit and fills in the gaps on precious art



MIDDLE: The restoration is part of the portrait gallery's effort to assess 110 of its presidential portraits and repair those in need. **ABOVE:** The backside of a frame that holds what is known as the penny portrait of Lincoln, which resembles the image on the coin.

BY **MICHAEL E. RUANE**

Heather Smith stood before the tattered portrait of Abraham Lincoln holding a fine-tipped sable brush and a small plastic palette smeared with dabs of conservation paint.

Wearing special magnifying glasses, she peered at the edge of the unframed portrait where paint was missing and pieces of old canvas remained.

Lincoln, shown in the portrait resting his chin on his right hand, seemed to be watching.

"He's been through a war of his own," she said of the painting of the nation's Civil War president. "It's terrifying to think about."

The 6-foot-2-inch portrait of a contemplative Lincoln sitting in a chair was painted in 1887. Time has weathered it and pocked it with flaws: Its original canvas was removed, probably with a scalpel. The surface of the painting was abraded, perhaps with an iron. And spots dotted the portrait where the paint was gone.

But the Baltimore art conservator, working for the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, which owns the painting, has now embarked on a months-long effort to restore the majestic portrait to its original look.

The effort is part of the portrait gallery's project to assess 110 of its presidential portraits and repair those in need. The work has been funded, in part, by a grant from Bank of America.

Smith is the owner of Maryland Art Conservation, which is based in a former Baptist church in northern Baltimore.

She has already worked on the gallery's 1785 portrait of George Washington by English artist Robert Edge Pine. And she is scheduled to work on gallery portraits of presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Benjamin Harrison, Woodrow Wilson and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

She is also working on another Lincoln — known as the penny portrait, which resembles the image of Lincoln on the coin.

But the large portrait of Lincoln seated is, perhaps, the most dramatic and well-known of the group. He is shown wearing a dark suit, white shirt and bow tie. He is leaning forward, his left hand gripping the arm of the chair.

The painting is too big to fit on an easel, Smith said, so it leans against a wall, flanked by two large windows. It was last on view at the portrait gallery in 2022.

It is one of four similar Lincoln portraits painted by the prolific American artist George Peter Alexander Healy, said Mindy Farmer, a portrait gallery historian.

"This has been an iconic work since it was created," she said.

Another version, painted in 1869 and once owned by Lincoln's son, Robert, is in the White House, according to the White House Historical Association.

The portraits are based on "The Peacemakers," a painting Healy did in 1868 depicting Lincoln meeting with Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman and Rear Adm. David D. Porter near the end of the Civil War, according to the association's website.

The gallery's 1887 portrait was commissioned by Lincoln's longtime friend and political ally Elihu B. Washburne, who wanted it for his home, art historian Alba Campo Rosillo wrote in Smithsonian Magazine in 2021.

Healy painted the portrait in the winter of 1887 in his studio in Paris, where he was living, Rosillo wrote.

Washburne died in Chicago later that year, and the painting passed to his brother, William, who died in 1912.

It was purchased in 1934 by the A.W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust. It was given to the National Gallery of Art in 1942 and transferred to the planned portrait gallery in Washington in 1965, according to the gallery. The gallery opened in 1968 with the Lincoln portrait on display.

In the early 1940s, during conservation at a now-defunct gallery in New York, the painting

SEE **LINCOLN** ON **B13**

Trump blames vandals for dead grass on Mall

BY **SAMMY WESTFALL**

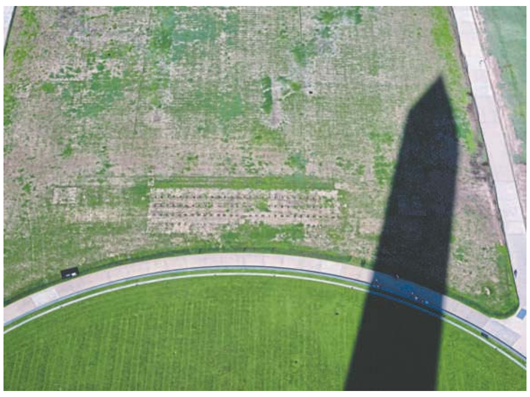
President Donald Trump took to Truth Social to accuse vandals of damaging the grass on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and World War II Memorial — the same area he placed a large stage to speak to crowds on the Fourth of July.

"Look what VANDALS did to the grass connecting the vandalized World War II Monument and the vandalized Reflecting Pool, which will be opened again, and better than ever, shortly," Trump wrote Sunday, along with a photo showing a swath of the National Mall lawn with patches of bare, brown dirt. He did not provide evidence for the vandalism claims.

On the Fourth of July, near the Washington Monument, Trump gave a speech on a large stage for the "Salute to America" celebration. Photos from the Associated Press showed damaged grass unveiled as workers dismantled the event's structures the week after July 4.

Earlier in June, what appeared to be large-scale etchings of the numerals "86 47" appeared on the National Mall grounds, which the White House said amounted to an endorsement of political violence. The photo Trump posted Sunday showed broader damage.

Similarly damaged grass was seen at the White House Ellipse and South Lawn after the UFC Freedom 250 events this summer. A private lawn-products company run by a Trump supporter said it would commit $1 million to restoring the South Lawn.



ALLISON ROBBERT/AP

The National Mall — seen earlier this month — has seen lots of foot traffic this summer, given the nation's 250th anniversary.

At least 3 pedestrians are killed

BY **LIAM SCOTT**

At least three pedestrians were killed in separate traffic accidents over the weekend, including a man who was struck and killed by a Metrobus in Northern Virginia on Sunday, police said.

Shortly after 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a scene of a fatal pedestrian crash involving a Metrobus in Baileys Crossroads, Fairfax County police said in a statement. The crash occurred around Columbia Pike and Carlin Springs Road.

The F20 bus "struck and rolled

SEE **PEDESTRIANS** ON **B20**

TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
78°	85°	88°	83°

High today at approx. 3 p.m.: **89°**

Precip: **5%** Wind: **NNW 7-14 mph**

For weather news, go to **B20**

EAST COAST

Virginia and North Carolina are fruitful spots to see dolphins, research has shown. **B13**

OBITUARIES

Dave Marsh, 76, was a Springsteen biographer and music critic. **B13**

Conservator feels sense of responsibility toward art

LINCOLN FROM **B12**

AL DRAGO/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Heather Smith, owner and chief conservator of Maryland Art Conservation.

underwent what Smith said was a radical treatment procedure.

"I've never encountered this before," she said in an interview in her conservation lab. "They put [it] face down, removed the canvas from the back of the paint layers, which is extremely unusual."

"They would have protected the front with something called a facing, which is paper glued to the front of the painting to keep everything intact, and then worked on the back," she said.

The old canvas was probably scraped away little by little, except for a small ridge along the edges of the painting, she said. "I would not be surprised if that is how some of the painting's numerous tears and holes were inflicted."

The old canvas was replaced with a new backing, Smith said. The portrait also shows evidence of "abrasion," where the paint has been worn down. What probably happened was that a prior conservator, assumably in the 1940s, used an iron to try to fix cracks in the paint surface, she said.

"When they ironed them, they didn't put anything protective between the iron and the painting," she said. "And I'm guessing they just wore down the paint."

The painting's last major conservation was in 1966, Smith said, and the portrait was in poor shape when she got it earlier this year.

She has since removed dirt and old varnish and reattached bits of paint that were loose.

She plans to soon begin comprehensive inpainting — adding paint to places where it's missing. In her lab, she keeps books, paint brushes, picture frames, lighting equipment, jars of pigment and a bed for her dog, Charity.

Across the room from the large Lincoln portrait, his penny portrait rests on a table. The work on it requires using bits of cotton on the end of a bamboo skewer to clean off dirt and soot.

The 1864 portrait, by the Boston artist William Willard, may have hung above someone's fireplace, she said. The painting was given to the gallery in 1976 by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Morse, the gallery's website says. It was last exhibited in 2009.

Smith, a native of Westminster, Maryland, has been an art conservator for more than 20 years, taking over the business in the small wood-shingled church when her employer retired.

She said she feels a sense of responsibility adding paint to damaged works of historic art.

"Early in my career … I would have conversations with the artist — 'I'm sorry this happened to your painting,'" she said. "Over time, you treat enough paintings, you're more looking at it as the materials, you kind of break it down in your head to the raw materials."

She said that there is a sense of gravity to the work, a realization that the person restoring the art is part of its history.

"Obviously, you want to do no harm but make it look as good as possible," she said. "Eventually, you won't see any damages any more and will focus on what we're here to see."

Analysis: Hampton Roads, Outer Banks among best spots to view dolphins in the United States

NATHAN HOWARD/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Bottlenose dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay in 2025. Of the top 20 U.S. cities for dolphin sightings, six are in eastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, according to a recent analysis.

BY **GAVIN STONE**
Virginian-Pilot

If you're hoping to see bottlenose dolphins this summer, the odds of success are heavily in your favor in Hampton Roads and the Outer Banks.

Of the top 20 cities for dolphin sightings in the U.S., six are in eastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina regions, according to an analysis of a database hosted by Duke University in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Buxton is the No. 1 location in the U.S., while Virginia Beach comes in third, followed by Nags Head in fifth and Chincoteague on the Eastern Shore at eighth.

Norfolk comes in at 11th, with Wanchese at 15th. Virginia Beach is the largest city by population on the list, making it the top-ranked major metropolitan area for dolphin activity in the country, according to BoatBooker, a service that helps travelers plan boating trips and analyzed the database.

All but five of the top 20 cities for dolphin sightings are on the East Coast.

The rankings come from OBIS-SEAMAP, a marine wildlife database which aggregates marine wildlife observation data from researchers, government agencies, universities and other scientific programs around the world.

The coordinates for each sighting of bottlenose dolphins were paired with its nearest coastal locality. The data is limited by being based on the location of scientific surveys rather than where dolphins live in general, meaning the West Coast and Gulf Coasts may be underrepresented.

Buxton had by far the most dolphins seen at 20,128 on 1,761 recorded sightings (11.4 dolphins per sighting), followed by Isle of Palms, South Carolina, with 16,588 dolphins seen on 2,446 sightings (6.8 dolphins per sighting). Norfolk had the highest rate of dolphins per sighting, with about 28.

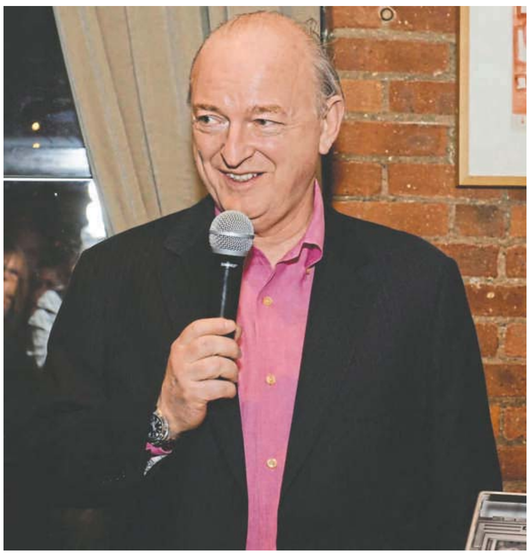
BoatBooker notes that Buxton is a popular location for dolphins because it sits at the southern tip of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, where warm Gulf Stream waters meet the cooler inshore waters, making for ideal feeding conditions year-round.

Virginia Beach is among the top cities for dolphin sightings because it boasts Chesapeake Bay access, significant Atlantic Ocean coastline and warm summer waters that draw dolphin pods consistently enough to allow dolphin viewing cruises to operate from spring to fall.

DAVE MARSH, 76

Music critic was a Bruce Springsteen biographer

BY **LINDSEY BAHR**
Associated Press



MARC LEVINE/KRISTEN ANN CARR FUND/AP

Dave Marsh in New York in 2013. He wrote "Born to Run: The Bruce Springsteen Story," which became a best seller.

Dave Marsh, a longtime music critic who wrote several influential books about Bruce Springsteen, including the early biography "Born to Run," has died. He was 76.

Mr. Marsh died Friday in Connecticut, his friend Jeffrey St. Clair, a co-editor of the online magazine Counterpunch, said. St. Clair said Mr. Marsh had been suffering from a degenerative brain disease for several years. Jim Rotolo, the SiriusXM radio host, announced Mr. Marsh's death on his social media accounts.

Springsteen paid tribute to Mr. Marsh in an Instagram post, writing that the loss had left the band "heartbroken."

"My great friend Dave, with his straight out of Detroit attitude, was a true Rock 'n' Roll lifer. He was soulful, intelligent, heartfelt, opinionated, bruising and often fantastically argumentative," Springsteen wrote. "He deeply believed in what I was trying to accomplish and his lifetime of support meant the world to me."

Steven Van Zandt also wrote a remembrance on Instagram, writing "he was fearless, relentless, arrogant, everything you'd want in a RocknRoll troublemaker. And by the way, a tremendous writer."

Mr. Marsh was an early champion of Springsteen, writing about him for Creem magazine and penning his first Rolling Stone cover story in 1978. In 1979 his biography "Born to Run: The Bruce Springsteen Story" was released and became a best seller.

He followed it in 1986 with "Glory Days: Bruce Springsteen in the 1980s." Legend has it that he was the one responsible for getting Jon Landau, Springsteen's longtime manager and record producer, to his first Springsteen concert.

Born in Pontiac, Michigan, in 1950, Mr. Marsh dropped out of Detroit's Wayne State University in 1969 to write for the new rock magazine Creem, where Lester Bangs was among his friends and mentors.

Springsteen wasn't Mr. Marsh's only subject, but he was always close by.

In 1979, he married Barbara Carr, who would go on to be Springsteen's co-manager alongside Landau for decades. The rocker even attended their wedding.

He and Carr also devoted much effort to the Kristen Ann Carr Fund, a charity that they started named after their daughter who died of sarcoma at age 21 in 1993.

Later that year, Springsteen hosted a benefit concert at Madison Square Garden, where they raised $1.5 million.

Mr. Marsh also wrote "The Heart of Rock & Soul: The 1001 Greatest Singles Ever Made," a biography of the Who, and a book about The Kingsmen hit "Louie Louie."

In recent years he was a frequent co-host and guest on the E Street Nation SirusXM channel.

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ANDERSON

ARAMINTA ELDRIDGE ANDERSON
(Age 103)

of Fort Washington, MD transitioned on July 22, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Clarence Anderson, Jr; devoted mother of Candace Scales, MD (Philip) and the late Rhawn Anderson. Loving grandmother of Maurice Scales and Amaleya Scales-Doctor (Shance Doctor); greatgrandchildren Hayden Roberts and Shance, II; dear sister of Mary "Jackie" Hayman (Eldon, Sr.) and the late Robert Jr., Vasco, Taliaferro and Earle. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Friends may visit with the family Saturday August 22, 2026 from 10 am until time of service 11am at Grace United Methodist Church, 11700 Old Fort Road Ft. Washington, MD. Interment will be held at 9:45 am on Monday, August 31 at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

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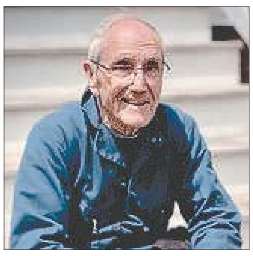

ALLAN EDWARD MEYER (Age 93)

With heavy hearts, we share that our precious and beloved Allan "Al" Edward Meyer passed away on August 11, 2026. He was a devoted grandfather and a loving father and husband. Allan is survived by his sister, Lila Jean Meyer Harris. Allan was predeceased by his first wife, Jacqueline Bailey Meyer, in 1993. He is survived by his second wife, Dorothy Joy Johnson Meyer; his children, Sheryl Meyer Rauer, Michael Allan Meyer, Shawn Meyer Nabors; and his seven grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation on Friday, August 21, 2026, from 6 to 8 pm at Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Rd., Springfield. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 10 am at St. Mark's Lutheran church, 5800 Backlick Rd. Springfield, Va.

In honor of Allan Edward Meyer, contributions may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church: https://secure.myvanco.com/YM6H/home

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MOHAN

PURA IDEA MOHAN
MAY 4, 1947 – AUGUST 6, 2026

Pura Idea Mohan, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the age of 79 in Ocean City, MD

The youngest of three children, Pura was born in Sariaya, Quezon, Philippines. In 1967, she followed her sister to Washington, DC, where she would build a life and become a true Washingtonian. Before moving to the United States, she graduated from St. Theresa's College in Manila in 1965. Upon arriving in Washington, she attended Strayer University, graduating in 1970 with a degree in Business.

That same year, Pura began her career at the International Monetary Fund. Over the course of 36 years, she worked her way up to Documents Officer before retiring in 2006. Her career took her around the world on official assignments, and along the way, she made countless friends and lasting memories.

In 1968, Pura met the love of her life, Vishaw Kumar Mohan. They shared 58 years together and were married for 47. A proud Catholic Filipina, Pura wholeheartedly embraced Vishaw's Indian heritage and culture. She learned to prepare authentic Indian dishes, celebrated religious holidays with her family, and became one of the Indian Cricket Team's most enthusiastic supporters. She proudly followed the team through World Cup appearances in Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Scotland, India, and Sri Lanka.

Pura was a true social butterfly who never met a stranger. Her home in Washington was a gathering place for family and friends, where she joyfully hosted Thanksgiving, Christmas, Diwali, and countless other celebrations. She organized annual family reunions and high school reunions in Manila each February, always bringing people together with her warmth, generosity, and infectious spirit.

Family was at the heart of Pura's life. She shared a particularly close bond with her cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. Within her family, she was lovingly known by many names—Baby Auntie, Babes, and Ate Pit—each one reflecting the special place she held in the hearts of those who loved her.

A lover of travel, food, and a good time, Pura was also an avid NBA and WWE fan, a gifted painter, and a devoted foodie. But above all else, she was the most loving and doting grandmother to her two grandsons, Jaden and Ethan, whom she adored beyond measure.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Arcadio Vendiola Idea and Dolores Carlos Idea; her brother, Arcadio Idea, Jr.; and her sister, Maria Dolores Carlos Idea.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Vishaw; her two children, Abhimanyu (Mister) and Monica (Missy); her son-in-law, Anthony; and her two grandsons, Jaden (Makulit #1) and Ethan (Makulit #2).

A gathering to celebrate Pura's life will be held at Joseph Gawler's Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, on Friday, August 21, 2026, from 5 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services will be held at Joseph Gawler's Sons on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 9 am.

Family and friends are warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated as we come together to celebrate Pura's extraordinary life and the love she gave so freely to all who knew her.

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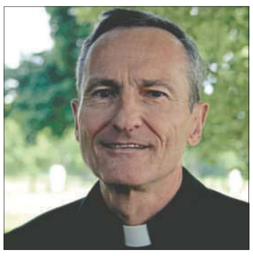

REV. MICHAEL J. MURRAY

12 July 1950 - 13 August 2026. Fr. Michael J. Murray passed away on 13 August 2026 after a heroic years-long battle with cancer. He was born in Washington, DC, and raised in Bethesda, MD by his parents Charles A. and Frances (Schlegel) Murray. He attended St Jane de Chantal School, Cathedral Latin School, Catholic University of America, and the Pontifical Gregorian and Angelicum Universities in Rome. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington on 18 September 1976. During his 50 faithful years as a priest he served as Priest-Director for Cemeteries, Director, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, and Washington Archdiocesan parishes including St. Bernadette, St Nicholas, St Mary's in Newport, St Martin of Tours, Our Lady of Victory, St Joseph on Capitol Hill, Church of the Holy Spirit, and on loan to the Diocese of Fairbanks, AK for 2 years. He will be greatly missed by many friends and former parishioners. Services will be celebrated on Thursday, 20 August at St Jane de Chantal Parish Church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD, with visitation to begin at 10 am, Mass of Resurrection to follow at 11 am. Interment at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 15, 2025, in the original principal amount of $855,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fauquier County, Virginia, in Book 1797 at Page 985 as Instrument No. 2025-00005341. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fauquier County, 40 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 21, 2026, at 12:45 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

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TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepite.com. VA-383536-1.

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Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Jason A. Pardo, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

2901 Nelson Place, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0001 in Square 5505-S

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") dated November 21, 2019 and recorded on December 5, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019131658, Jesse Kaye ("Borrower"), as grantor, conveyed to Westcore Land Title Insurance Company ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, securing that certain Promissory Note (the "Note") dated November 21, 2019 in the original principal amount of $982,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated May 6, 2026 and recorded on June 18, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026059979 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing JASON A. PARDO and RUSSELL S. DRAZIN ("Substitute Trustees") as substitute trustees under the Deed of Trust, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 10:00 AM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 2901 Nelson Place, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0001 in Square 5505-S), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, which are not owned by any third party, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the noteholder. Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one (1) business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. Failure to timely tender the deposit or additional deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser and result in forfeiture of the deposit. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustees and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustees may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustees for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustees in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustees are unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustees reserve the right, in Substitute Trustees' sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo and Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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443. 906.0117

FORECLOSURE SALE OF CONDOMINIUM UNIT
1513 MERIDIAN PLACE, NW, #1, WASHINGTON, DC 20010

Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 (as amended) and by the Declaration and Bylaws of THE MERIDIAN CONDOMINIUM recorded February 3, 1988 as Instrument No. 8800005653 and 8800005654 among the land records of the District of Columbia;, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code 42-1903.13 (as amended), notice filed July 14, 2026, we shall sell at public auction on **AUGUST 19, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.**, within the office of Alex Cooper, located at 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, the following premises:

Condominium Unit 1513 Meridian Place, NW, #1, Washington, DC 20010, assessed and taxed as Lot 2001 in Square 2683, in HE MERIDIAN CONDOMINIUM, a condominium regime instituted and established under the Condominium Act of 1976 of the District of Columbia and via the Declaration and By-Laws identified above, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements and any and all interest in the limited common elements appurtenant to said Condominium Unit as noted in the Declaration of THE MERIDIAN CONDOMINIUM,

Said Condominium 1513 Meridian Place, NW, #1, Washington, DC 20010, is the same property conveyed to JOE B. GOMEZ by Deed recorded among the land records of the District of Columbia on December 13, 1990 as Instrument No. 9000066524.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold subject to any prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including subject to the first mortgage lien.

It is solely the purchaser's responsibility to determine the condo fees obligations, priority, significance, and effect on auction sale. The property is sold as-is as to conditions and occupancy. A deposit of $10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check. All conveyances, recordings, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and re-sold at the discretion of the Unit Owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13 as amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

Brian R. Fellner, Attorney for The Meridian Condominium

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FORECLOSURE SALE OF CONDOMINIUM UNIT
2046 FORT DAVIS STREET, SE, 202,
WASHINGTON, DC, 20020,

Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 (as amended) and by the Declaration and Bylaws of FAIRFAX VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM V recorded January 16, 1976 as Instrument No. 7600001248 among the land records of the District of Columbia;, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code 42-1903.13 (as amended), notice filed July 14, 2026, we shall sell at public auction on **AUGUST 19, 2026 at 1:05 P.M.**, within the office of Alex Cooper, located at 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, the following premises:

Condominium Unit 2046 Fort Davis Street, SE, 202, Washington, DC, 20020, assessed and taxed as Lot 2395 in Square 5672, in the FAIRFAX VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM V, a condominium regime instituted and established under the Condominium Act of 1976 of the District of Columbia and via the Declaration and By-Laws identified above, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements and any and all interest in the limited common elements appurtenant to said Condominium Unit as noted in the Declaration of FAIRFAX VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM V,

Said Condominium 2046 Fort Davis Street, SE, 202, Washington, DC, 20020, is the same property conveyed to KAYE STERN PROPERTIES, LLC by Deed recorded among the land records of the District of Columbia on June 11, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014051553.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold subject to any prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including subject to the first mortgage lien.

It is solely the purchaser's responsibility to determine the condo fees obligations, priority, significance, and effect on auction sale. The property is sold as-is as to conditions and occupancy. A deposit of $10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check. All conveyances, recordings, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and re-sold at the discretion of the Unit Owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13 as amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

Brian R. Fellner, Attorney for the Fairfax Village Condominium V

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Gordon Feinblatt LLC
1001 Fleet Street, Suite 700
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
2029 BENNING ROAD, N.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

Under a power of sale contained in a Credit Line Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") dated July 29, 2022, and recorded on August 4, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022082543, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust, and following the recording of a Deed of Removal of Trustees and Appointment of Substitute Trustees as Instrument No. 2026038393, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure as Instrument No. 2026038394, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit as Instrument No. 2026070708, at the request of the party secured by the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20016, on

AUGUST 19, 2026 AT 1:15 PM

All that fee simple lot of ground, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in the City of Washington, District of Columbia and more fully described in the Deed of Trust; the improvements being known as 2029 Benning Road, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Square 4515, Lot 103 (the "Property"). The Property is believed to be improved by an apartment building.

TERMS OF SALE: This advertisement, as amended or supplemented by any oral announcements during the sale, constitutes the entire terms upon which the Property shall be offered for sale, sold, or purchased.

The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and with no warranty of any kind. The purchaser shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the Property. The Property will be sold subject to (i) all conditions, liens, restrictions, rights of redemption, covenants, encumbrances, and agreements of record that take priority over the Deed of Trust; (ii) any violations of housing, building, environmental, or other codes, and (iii) such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose.

A $50,000 deposit shall be required at the time and place of the auction and shall be in the form of a cashier's check drawn on a bank acceptable to the Substitute Trustees. The deposit will not earn interest in the hands of the Substitute Trustees. The purchaser shall increase the deposit to ten percent (10%) of the bid price within two (2) business days of the sale, payable by cashier's check or immediate funds wire transfer to the Substitute Trustees. The party secured by the Deed of Trust (the "Secured Party") or any affiliate thereof, if a bidder, is not required to post a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase money. If the Secured Party purchases the Property at the sale, the amount bid by the Secured Party, after deducting all expenses related to the sale, shall be a credit against the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust.

The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate set forth in the Promissory Note, shall be paid by cash, cashier's check, or another acceptable form at settlement, which must occur within thirty (30) days following the sale. Interest will accrue from the date of sale until the date funds are received by R.L. Title and Escrow, Inc., the closing agent for the Substitute Trustees. There shall be no abatement of interest if settlement is delayed.

The purchaser of the Property shall be responsible for all condominium or homeowners' association fees and unpaid real property taxes due with respect to the Property, and all amounts due in connection therewith and there shall be no adjustment therefor. All water and sewer charges, and all other charges and assessments against the Property shall be the responsibility of the purchaser and there shall be no adjustment therefor. The purchaser shall pay all closing costs of the sale. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, any other utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. All obligations of the purchaser hereunder shall survive closing and delivery of the deed. The purchaser (other than the Secured Party) shall sign a contract including this advertisement and other terms. Time is of the essence.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record.

The purchaser shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees, within two (2) business days following the sale, an insurance certificate confirming that the purchaser has obtained casualty and liability insurance coverage on the Property, naming the Substitute Trustees and the Secured Party as additional insured parties on the policy, and otherwise in form and content acceptable to the Substitute Trustees. The failure of the purchaser to provide such evidence of insurance coverage shall constitute grounds for nullifying and voiding the sale. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to require registration and/or pre-qualification of bidders, to modify or waive the requirements for bidders' deposits, to approve the creditworthiness of any bidder, to withdraw the Property from sale, to cancel the sale, to use an agent or attorney to conduct the sale, to reject any and all bids or to postpone the sale and keep the bidding open for any length of time.

If the purchaser defaults, the Substitute Trustees may retain the deposit as liquidated damages, resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and recover any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of both sales, attorneys' fees, and related expenses, or may avail themselves of any other legal or equitable remedies available to them. The defaulting purchaser is not entitled to any surplus from the resale, even if such surplus is due to improvements made by the defaulting purchaser.

If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey the Property by reason of any defect in the title or otherwise, the sole remedy of the purchaser of the Property at law or in equity shall be the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser, the sale shall be void and of no effect. The conveyance by the Substitute Trustees to the purchaser at settlement shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without covenant or warranty.

NOTE: The information contained herein is offered for informational purposes only and the Substitute Trustees make no warranties with respect to the accuracy of such information. For additional information, please contact David S. Musgrave, Substitute Trustee, (410) 576-4194, dmusgrave@gfrlaw.com or Paul Cooper, auctioneer, Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., (410) 977-4707 or paul@alexcooper.com.

David S. Musgrave and Jodie E. Bekman,
Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
COMMERCIAL/RETAIL BUILDING
KNOWN AS
1905 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents dated September 16, 2024 and recorded on September 26, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024091143 with the District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds (the "Recorder") in the original principal amount of $862,500.00 (the "Deed of Trust"), default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and following mailing of a *Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit* recorded with the Recorder on June 30, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026064610 and *Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure* recorded with the Recorder on May 29, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026052677, and the recordation of *Appointment of Substitute Trustees* recorded with the Recorder on May 20, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026049910, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 AT 12:20 PM

the following described land and premises.

Part of Lot 2 in Square 393, as shown on the Original Plats and Plans of the City of Washington, among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning for the same at a point on 9th Street 80.00 feet North of the southeast corner of said lot; thence along the line of said street North 18 feet to a point; thence East 94 feet, 4 inches to a public alley; thence along said alley South 18 feet to a point; thence West 94 feet, 4 inches to the point of beginning.

NOTE: At the date hereof, the above-described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 802 in Square 393.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").

The property is believed to be improved by a 2-story, interior-of-row commercial/retail building with 2,144± square feet of gross building area and 2,120± square feet of net rentable area, to include a finished outdoor rooftop deck and detached parking garage building (1 space) at the rear of the site.

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of $90,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustee within two (2) business days after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit or increased deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided or otherwise defaults under the terms herein, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within thirty (30) days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the Substitute Trustee reserves the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty whatsoever, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, fines, infractions, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether any assessments have been levied or not and whether any of the foregoing have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assumes no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, any other utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the sole cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Ralph J. DiPietro, Esquire at (410) 832-8822.

Ralph J. DiPietro, Esquire
Substitute Trustee

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September 1, 2026
Public Hearings

Copies of proposed plans, ordinances, and/or amendments, as applicable, and other documents relating to the following public hearings and/or applications are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, 22192. Members of the public may appear at the Board of County Supervisors' Chamber in the McCoart Building, One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, at the designated time to express their views. For additional information regarding the Board meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (703) 792-6600.

2:00 p.m.

1. Authorize the Execution of a Deed of Vacation of a Portion of a Tree Conservation Area on Broad Run Linear Park Parcel, GPIN 7595-55-6661, Located at 10169 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, Virginia – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

2. Authorize the Execution of a Deed of Vacation of Portions of a Tree Conservation Area on Broad Run Linear Park Parcel, GPIN 7595-64-8493, Located at 9690 Hornbaker Road, Manassas, Virginia – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

3. Adopt Amendments to the Prince William County Code Chapter 32.1, Purchase of Development Rights, Sections 32.1-202.1 and 32.1-203.1 – The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the adoption of amendments to the Purchase of Development Rights – **Countywide**

4. Authorize the Condemnation and Exercise Quick-Take Powers, in Accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code, to Acquire a Permanent Signal Easement on Property Located at 1701 Featherstone Road, Owned by SEJ Asset Management & Investment Company, a Delaware Corporation, in Connection with the Colchester Road Sidewalk Improvement Project – **Woodbridge Magisterial District**

5. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2026-00002, Prologis 66 Logistical Park** – This is a request to amend the Long-Range Land Use designation for ±23.65 acres of land (the site) from MU-3, Mixed Use with a T-3 Transect to I-3, Industrial with a T-3 Transect to allow for the development of a warehouse/distribution center. The site consists of four individual parcels located at 14392, 14372, and 14446 John Marshall Highway and 7150 Catharpin Road (identified on County maps as GPINs 7397-46-4281, 7397-46-4050, 7397-36-8980, and 7397-47-7731). The site is located on the north side of the intersection of John Marshall Highway and Catharpin Road. The site is currently zoned B-1, General Business and M-2, Light Industrial and is located within the Airport Safety Overlay District. (Concurrently being processed with Rezoning #REZ2026-00008 to change the zoning from B-1, General Business to M-2, Light Industrial and Special Use Permit #SUP2026-00005, to permit a distribution and fulfillment center greater than 80,000 square feet outside the E-Commerce Overlay District) – **Gainesville Magisterial District**

6. **Rezoning #REZ2026-00008, Prologis 66 Logistics Park** – This is a request to rezone ±23.65 acres from B-1, General Business, to M-2, Light Industrial. The property is located at 14397, 14372, and 14446 John Marshall Highway at the intersection of John Marshall Highway and Catharpin Road. The subject site is identified on County maps as GPINs 7397-46-4281, 7397-46-4050, 7397-47-7731, and 7397-36-8980 on approximately ±23.65 acres; is zoned B-1, General Business and M-2, Light Industrial; and is designated MU-3, Mixed Use, Transect 3, in the Comprehensive Plan; is being processed concurrently with #CPA2026-00002 and #SUP2026-00005 – **Gainesville Magisterial District**

7. **Special Use Permit #SUP2026-00005, Prologis 66 Logistics Park** – This is a request for a special use permit to allow a distribution and fulfillment center greater than 80,000 square feet outside of the E-Commerce Overlay District. The property is located at 14397, 14372, and 14446 John Marshall Highway at the intersection of John Marshall Highway and Catharpin Road. The subject site is identified on County maps as GPINs 7397-46-4281, 7397-46-4050, 7397-47-7731, and 7397-36-8980 on approximately ±23.65 acres; is zoned B-1, General Business and M-2, Light Industrial; and is designated MU-3, Mixed Use, Transect 3, in the Comprehensive Plan; is being processed concurrently with #CPA2026-00002 and #REZ2026-00008 – **Gainesville Magisterial District**

8. **Proffer Amendment #REZ2026-00042, Amendment to the Declaration for Property of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, Virginia** – This is a request to amend the Declaration for Property of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, Virginia (the "County Declaration"), by revising the Master Zoning Plan Innovation at Prince William County dated September 19, 1999, by removing the area previously designated as right-of-way for the proposed interchange ramps at the intersection of Prince William County Parkway and University Boulevard and East of Land Bay 16, incorporating the aforementioned right-of-way into Land Bay 16, and revising the "Broadview/Innovation Development Summary" Table Shown on the Master Zoning Plan to update the square footages applicable to this change in Land Bay 16. The Property is ± 11.06 acres located at 9349 Hornbaker Road, Manassas, Virginia, commonly referred to as the "Jug Handle" site at the corner of Prince William County Parkway and University Boulevard and identified as a portion of GPIN: 7695-04-7375 on County Mapper. The Property is zoned PBD, Planned Business District which are designated OC3 and 1C1 (O/F, O(H), and M-2) and is subject to development standards/conditions associated with #PLN2007-00535, Declaration for Property of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County. The site is also within the Technology Overlay District of Employment Center Office/R&D High Profile [EH] Subdistrict and is within the Airport Safety Overlay District. The site is designated OMU-3, Office Mixed Use, with a Transect 3, in the Comprehensive Plan and within the Innovation Park Small Area Plan Land Use Special Planning Area – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

9. **Proffer Amendment #REZ2026-00043, Amendment to the Declaration for Property of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, Virginia** – This is a request to amend the Declaration for Property of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, Virginia (the "County Declaration"), by revising the Master Zoning Plan Innovation at Prince William County dated September 19, 1999, to increase the maximum height, including mechanical equipment, for Land Bays 8 through 15 from 70 feet to 80 feet and to revise the "Broadview/Innovation Development Summary" table shown on the Master Zoning Plan to reflect the increase. The Property includes land located at 9349 Hornbaker Road, Manassas, Virginia, including parcels within the Innovation Gateway campus, a multi-phase commercial and research development planned for approximately 16.5 acres of County-owned land along Discovery Boulevard; and identified as a portion of GPIN: 7695-04-7375 on County Mapper. The Property is zoned PBD, Planned Business District which are designated OC3 and 1C1 (O/F, O(H), and M-2) and is subject to development standards/conditions associated with #PLN2007-00535, Declaration for Property of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County. The site is also within the Technology Overlay District of Employment Center Office/R&D High Profile [EH] Subdistrict and is within the Airport Safety Overlay District – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

10. **Rezoning #REZ2025-00032, Manassas Tech Center** – This is a request to rezone ±5.98 acres from PMD, Planned Mixed District with an O(F), Office Flex and M-2, Light Industrial designation to PBD, Planned Business District with a M-1, Heavy Industrial Land Bay, to allow development of data centers with associated waivers and modifications. This application will run concurrently with #REZ2026-00022, Manassas Tech Center PRA whereby the applicant is requesting a proffer amendment to revise the proffers associated with #REZ2021-00014. This application will run concurrently with #REZ2026-00022, Manassas Tech Center PRA. The subject property is located to the west of Hornbaker Road and south of its intersection with Wellington Road; it is addressed 8881 Mike Garcia Drive and 8889 Mike Garcia Drive, Manassas, VA 20109 and the parcels are identified on County maps as GPINs: 7596-72-6227.00 (portion) and 7596-62-9148.00 (portion). The site is designated I-3, Industrial Technology/Flex with a T-3 Transect in the Comprehensive Plan and is located within the Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay Districts, E-Commerce Overlay District, and the Airport Safety Overlay District – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

11. **Proffer Amendment #REZ2026-00022, Manassas Tech Center PRA** – This is a request to revise the proffers associated with #REZ2021-00014 regarding waivers and modifications including the 50 foot buffer requirement. This application will run concurrently with #REZ2025-00032, Manassas Tech Center. The subject property is located to the west of Hornbaker Road and south of its intersection with Wellington Road; it is addressed 8881, 8889 and 8890 Mike Garcia Drive, Manassas, VA 20109 and the parcels are identified on County maps as GPINs: 7596-72-6327.00, 7596-61-8378.00 and 7596-62-9148.00. The site is designated I-3, Industrial Technology/Flex with a T-3 Transect in the Comprehensive Plan and is located within the Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay Districts, E-Commerce Overlay District, and the Airport Safety Overlay District – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

12. **Proffer Amendment #REZ2026-00015, Canfield Crossing** – This is a request to amend proffers approved for #PLN2008-00324, which currently allow RPC, Residential Planned Community, Commercial, to allow RPC, Residential Planned Community, Medium-High Residential, for development of 47 townhouse units on ±6.19 acres, with associated waivers and modifications. The subject property, 7800 Baltusrol Boulevard, is located approximately 636 feet south of the intersection of Route 29 and Baltusrol Boulevard, and is identified on County maps as GPIN 7397-01-5257. The site is currently zoned RPC, Residential Planned Community, is designated as RPC-3, Residential Planned Community with a Transect of 3, in the Comprehensive Plan, and is a part of the Lake Manassas Residential Planned Community. The site is within the Highway Corridor Overlay Districts for Route 29, the Shoppes at Lake Manassas Planned Districts, and is associated with the following previous rezonings: #REZ1986-0023, #REZ1987-0067, and #PLN2008-00324. The application also requests to increase the maximum height for townhouses from 35 feet to 45 feet – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

13. **Special Use Permit #SUP2026-00028, House of Bubbles Pet Grooming** – This is a request for a special use permit to allow House of Bubbles Pet Grooming LLC to operate a pet care facility within an existing commercial tenant space located at 4373 Kevin Walker Drive, Montclair, Virginia, 22025. The subject property is a 700 sq. ft. tenant space within a ±1.63 acres shopping center near the intersection of Kevin Walker Drive and Dumfries Road (Route 234), identified on County maps as a portion of GPIN 8190-44-0473. The property is zoned RPC, Residential Planned Community, designated RPC-3, Residential Planned Community with transect 3, in the Comprehensive Plan, and is located within the Highway Corridor Overlay District – **Potomac Magisterial District**

14. **Zoning Appeal #ZNA2026-00210, Genesis Hernandez HOC2** – This is an administrative appeal to allow a family day home for up to 12 children and two employees located at 19103 Mockingbird Heights Road, Triangle, VA 22172. The subject ±0.315 acre property is located 250 feet west of the intersection of Mockingbird Heights Road and Clinton Ross Court, identified on County maps as a portion of GPIN 8288-00-3366. The property is zoned R-4, Suburban Residential, designated RN-2, Residential Neighborhood with transect 2, in the Comprehensive Plan, and is located within the Marine Corps Base Quantico Special Planning Area, and the Saddlebrook Community Association POA – **Potomac Magisterial District**

7:00 p.m.

15. **Rezoning #REZ2024-00021, Haijoe Property** – This is a request to rezone from A-1, Agricultural, to M-1, Heavy Industrial, to allow for future industrial uses within that category. Specifically, the applicant is seeking to use a portion of the property as Equipment & Materials Outdoor Storage & Commercial Vehicle Parking for their business, and lease the remainder of the land to other industrial users. The property is located at 13505 Warrenton Road, 0.657 miles west of the intersection of Carriage Ford Road and Warrenton Road. The subject site is identified on County maps as GPIN 7492-07-8472 on approximately ± 23.4266 acres; is zoned A-1, Agricultural and is designated I-2, Light Industrial with a transect of 2 in the Comprehensive Plan – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

16. **Rezoning and Proffer Amendment #REZ2025-00003, Project Industry** – This is a request to rezone ±42.28 acres from M/T, Industrial/Transportation, to M/T, Industrial/Transportation, and to amend/supersede the proffers associated with #PLN2003-00242 to allow for the development of data centers with an associated request for increased building height of up to 85 feet (including rooftop mechanical equipment and rooftop screening walls, exclusive of elevator overrides) and an electrical substation up to 110 feet. The ±42.28-acre project area is located south of Wellington Road and ±200 feet south and southeast of the intersection of Wellington Road and Rollins Ford Road. The site is currently addressed as 8000, 8001, 8010, 8020, 8021, 8030, 8031, 8040, 8041 Industrial Park Court, and 12901 Rollins Ford Road; and is identified on County maps as the following GPINs: 7496-48-8861; 7496-58-0951; 7496-58-2739; 7496-58-4088; 7496-58-4226; 7496-58-4265; 7496-58-6207; 7496-58-6487; 7496-59-2613; and 7496-68-0342; and residual County right-of-way. The site is designated I-4, Heavy Industrial, with a T-4 Transect that recommends a range of 0.57 to 1.38 floor area ratio (FAR), and is partially located within the Environmental Resource Protection Overlay of the Comprehensive Plan. The project area is currently zoned M/T, Industrial/Transportation, with proffers; and is located within the Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District, E-Commerce Overlay District, and Airport Safety Overlay District – **Brentsville Magisterial District**

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The hearings are being held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone with questions on the accessibility of the facility should contact the Clerk to the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, or by telephone at (703) 792-6600 or TDD (703) 792-6295. Persons needing translation or interpreter services must notify the Clerk to the Board no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED AT
402 36TH STREET, NE
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(Square 5017, Lot 0134)

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated October 31, 2024 and recorded on November 18, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024108450 with the District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds (the "Recorder") in the original principal amount of $165,000.00 (the "Deed of Trust"), default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and following mailing of a *Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit* recorded with the Recorder on July 16, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026071134 and *Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure* recorded with the Recorder on April 27, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026039918, and the recordation of *Appointment of Substitute Trustees* recorded with the Recorder on April 24, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026039664, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 at 1:30 P.M.** that certain land and premises commonly described as 402 36TH Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019 which has the following legal description as set forth in the Deed of Trust:

Lot One Hundred Thirty-four (134) in Square Five Thousand Seventeen (5017) in the subdivision made by National Insured Homes Corporation as per Plat recorded in Liber 110 at folio 8, in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia. Commonly known as 402 36th Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20019.

The property is believed to be improved with a two-story townhome consisting of 832 square feet of living area with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of $15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustee within two (2) business days after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit or increased deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided or otherwise defaults under the terms herein, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within thirty (30) days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the Substitute Trustee reserves the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, liens, rights of way, and limitations whether of record or unrecorded. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances, laws related to construction, building permits or inspections and any and all applicable safety codes, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale shall be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges or liens, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, whether recorded or unrecorded and all of the foregoing shall be assumed and paid by purchaser. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, financing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Upon a return of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Selling Parties. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Ralph J. DiPietro, Esquire at (410) 832-8822.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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By virtue of a certain Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated November 20, 2025 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded January 7, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026001735 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2026067828, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 AT 12:35 PM

the following described land and premises.

Lot numbered One Hundred Thirty-One (131) in Block numbered Twenty-Seven (27) in a subdivision made by George C. Pumphrey of land known as "Columbia Heights", as per plat recorded in Liber 37 at Folio 7 among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.

Note: At the date hereof the above described land is designated on the records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 131 in Square 2865.

TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $100,000.00 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine in their sole discretion. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one (1) business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit or additional deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees may, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided or otherwise defaults under the terms herein, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within fifteen (15) days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the Substitute Trustees reserve the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustees may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby agrees that in the event of any litigation between the Noteholder and purchaser, the purchaser shall pay the reasonable attorneys fees and costs incurred by the Noteholder in such action.

The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.

Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty whatsoever, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, fines, infractions, violations, liens, encumbrances, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether any assessments have been levied or not and whether any of the foregoing have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, any other utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the sole cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Frances Wilburn, Esquire at 240-507-1712.

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FORECLOSURE SALE OF CONDOMINIUM UNIT
3000 7th St NE, UNIT 316 WASHINGTON, DC, 20017

Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 (as amended) and by the Declaration and Bylaws of UNIVERSITY HALL CONDOMINIUM recorded September 18, 1980 as Instrument No. 8000029820 among the land records of the District of Columbia;, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code 42-1903.13 (as amended), notice filed July 14, 2026, we shall sell at public auction on **AUGUST 19, 2026 at 12:50 P.M.**, within the office of Alex Cooper, located at 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, the following premises:

Condominium Unit 3000 7th St NE, Unit 316 Washington, DC, 20017, assessed and taxed as Lot 2061 in Square 3645, in the UNIVERSITY HALL CONDOMINIUM, a condominium regime instituted and established under the Condominium Act of 1976 of the District of Columbia and via the Declaration and By-Laws identified above, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements and any and all interest in the limited common elements appurtenant to said Condominium Unit as noted in the Declaration of UNIVERSITY HALL CONDOMINIUM,

Said Condominium 3000 7th St NE, Unit 316 Washington, DC, 20017, is the same property conveyed to MICHAEL TOOMER by Deed recorded among the land records of the District of Columbia on September 12, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007119337.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold subject to any prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including subject to the first mortgage lien.

It is solely the purchaser's responsibility to determine the condo fees obligations, priority, significance, and effect on auction sale. The property is sold as-is as to conditions and occupancy. A deposit of $10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check. All conveyances, recordings, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and re-sold at the discretion of the Unit Owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13 as amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

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FORECLOSURE SALE OF CONDOMINIUM UNIT
3809 W STREET, SE, 201, WASHINGTON, DC, 20020,

Pursuant to District of Columbia Condominium Act of 1976, Section 313 (as amended) and by the Declaration and Bylaws of FAIRFAX VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM V recorded January 16, 1976 as Instrument No. 7600001248 among the land records of the District of Columbia;, and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and D.C. Code 42-1903.13 (as amended), notice filed July 14, 2026, we shall sell at public auction on **AUGUST 19, 2026 at 1:05 P.M.**, within the office of Alex Cooper, located at 4910 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, the following premises:

Condominium Unit 3809 W Street, SE, 201, Washington, DC, 20020, assessed and taxed as Lot 2480 in Square 5672, in the FAIRFAX VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM V, a condominium regime instituted and established under the Condominium Act of 1976 of the District of Columbia and via the Declaration and By-Laws identified above, together with an undivided interest in the general common elements and any and all interest in the limited common elements appurtenant to said Condominium Unit as noted in the Declaration of FAIRFAX VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM V,

Said Condominium 3809 W Street, SE, 201, Washington, DC, 20020, is the same property conveyed to KAYE STERN PROPERTIES, LLC by Deed recorded among the land records of the District of Columbia on October 9, 2013 as Instrument No. 2013116256.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold subject to any prior liens, encumbrances, and/or municipal assessments if any, including subject to the first mortgage lien.

It is solely the purchaser's responsibility to determine the condo fees obligations, priority, significance, and effect on auction sale. The property is sold as-is as to conditions and occupancy. A deposit of $10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check. All conveyances, recordings, recordation tax, transfer tax, etc. at purchaser's cost. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's or certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and re-sold at the discretion of the Unit Owner's Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. Association shall convey a deed pursuant to 42 D.C. Code 1903.13 as amended, and makes no further representations or warranties as to title. The Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain Title Insurance. For this reason, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and must be able to pay the purchase balance in any case within 30 days. In the event of failure on the part of the Association to convey such deed purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit.

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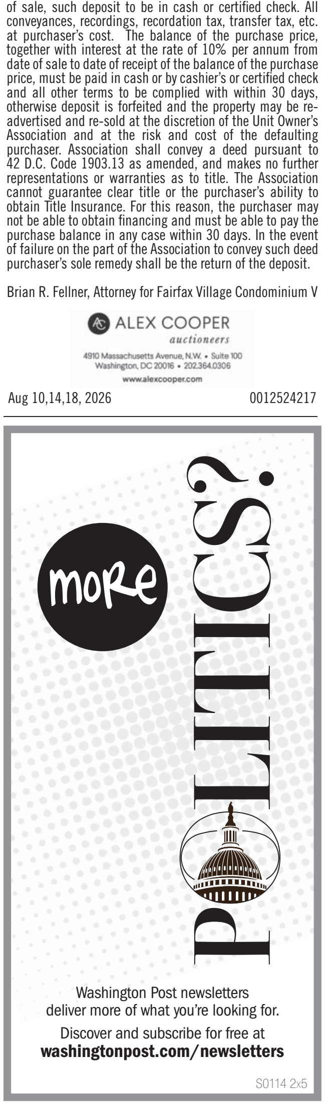
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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3732 BEL PRE ROAD, UNIT #2
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 7, 2006, recorded in Liber 32283, Folio 329 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $73,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:26 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit numbered 3732/2, in a Condominium styled "Fairways Condominium" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale, if made available to the Substitute Trustees.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $7,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 377124-2)

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8631 WATERSHED COURT
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 17, 2018, recorded in Liber 56685, Folio 504 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $303,403.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-057-02231805.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 24-002023-04)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11604 RANCH LANE
NORTH POTOMAC, MD 20878

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 3, 2025, recorded in Liber 69166, Folio 1 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $628,578.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:24 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $63,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 382726-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

19304 ALDERBARN COURT
BROOKEVILLE, MD 20833

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 12, 2006, recorded in Liber 33221, Folio 313 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $600,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:22 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $39,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 374475-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

9505 CAPE ANNE PLACE
MONTGOMERY VILLAGE, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 4, 2020, recorded in Liber 59987, Folio 87 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $244,100.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:20 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 382596-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1649 CARRIAGE HOUSE TERRACE, UNIT D
SILVER SPRING, MD 20904

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Bernadette Mbala dated May 31, 2007 and recorded in Liber 34418, folio 482 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:35 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit 1649-D in the Tiers at Silver Spring and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-02678200.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 25-004752-MD-F-2.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2007, and recorded in Liber 33847, folio 087, of the land records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $350,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 04-00183092

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§11-110 and Â§11B-117.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $30,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 8.5% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-324330)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

11509 AMHERST AVENUE, UNIT #204
SILVER SPRING, MD 20902

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Jephte Charles and Pierre Emmanuel Charles dated May 28, 2009 and recorded in Liber 37531, folio 499 and re-recorded in Liber 70346, Folio 309 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:33 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit numbered Fifty-Seven (57) in a horizontal property regime known as "Sierra Landing Condominium-Phase 1" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-02417150.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 26-005323-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9420 RIVER ROAD
POTOMAC, MD 20854

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Tin Ko Latt and Su Mya Lin dated February 24, 2016 and recorded in Liber 51869, folio 273 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:31 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #10-00866013.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $40,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 25-005162-MD-F-2.

The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DAEMION CLARKE, dated December 11, 2023 and recorded in book 49474, page 132 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-16-CV-25-004317; Tax ID No. 18-3739018) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 51,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-000867-01)

NICOLE LIPINSKI, GABRIELLE GIOVINAZZO, ERIN KENNEDY,
Substitute Trustee (s)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' DEED

of valuable Improved real estate
Improved by premises known as
23546 Forest Haven Way, Unit: 10U,
Clarksburg, MD 20871-9471

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust from WENESSO TENGANDE, dated October 29, 2010 and recorded in Liber 40344 at Folio 009 among the land records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY,** Maryland, upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse door, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on **Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** all that property described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

Condominium Unit Numbered and Lettered Ten-U (10U), Phase Two (2), in a Condominium styled "FOREST HAVEN CONDOMINIUM", as per plat thereof recorded at Condominium Plat Nos. 10319, et seq., among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland as from time to time amended or supplemented; said Unit being a part of the land and premises subjected to a Condominium Regime by a certain Declaration of Condominium dated December 18, 2009 and recorded December 22, 2009 in Liber 38539 folio 458, among the Land Records as from time amended, together with an undivided interest in the common elements.

Said property is improved by **A Dwelling and Is SOLD IN "AS IS CONDITION"**

__THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO A 120 DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BY THE IRS__

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of **$16,000.00** in the form of cash, certified check, or in any other form suitable to the substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at **5.75%** per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within ten days after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

Front Foot Benefit charges are to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees fees plus all costs incurred if the Substitute Trustee have filed the appropriate pleadings with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustee and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees or full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property.

In the Event this property is sold and for any reason the sale is not ratified the liability of the Substitute Trustees shall be limited to a refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees either at law or in equity.

JEREMY K. FISHMAN and ERICA T. DAVIS,
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among the land records of
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Auctioneer's Number #A000580

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9704 MEGGS POINT PLACE
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Lisa B. Browne, dated September 15, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33135, folio 370 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 3:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $8,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 6% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #24-600721).

The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

597 KINGFISHER AVENUE
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 20, 2016, recorded in Liber 53140, Folio 78 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $368,207.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 28, 2026 AT 3:39 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 373596-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

524 CORAL REEF DRIVE
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 19, 2017, recorded in Liber 54494, Folio 36 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $201,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 28, 2026 AT 3:35 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $16,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359254-4)

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE – NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE
6721 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE, made this Thirty-first Day of July, 2026, by Richard A. Lash, Foreclosure Commissioner:

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2009, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by James Randolph Henderson, who died August 27, 2023, and Dorothy E. Henderson, who died May 8, 2024, as trustors in favor of Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., formerly known as Liberty Reverse Mortgage, Inc. as beneficiary and Direct Settlement Service as trustee, and was recorded on April 23, 2010, in Liber 39184, Folio 321 in the office of the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary" or "HUD") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and
WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated May 2, 2017, and recorded on May 18, 2017, in Deed Book 54315, Page 86, in the office of the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust due to violation of 9(a)(i): A borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 16, 2026 is $918,623.26; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Buonassissi, Henning & Lash, P.C. as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on **August 28, 2026 at 3:45 PM** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Commonly known as:

ALL that piece or parcel of land, together with the improvement rights, privileges and appurtenance to the same belonging, situate in the County of Montgomery, State of Maryland described at follows, to wit:

Lot Numbered Six (6) in Block numbered Seventeen (17) in the subdivision known as "PINECREST," as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2 at Plat 145 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.For informational purposes only:

The improvements thereon being known as 6721 Eastern Ave Tax ID No.: 13-01070268

BEING the same property conveyed to James Randolph Henderson and Dorothy E. Henderson by virtue of a Deed from American Security Bank, N.A., successor by name change from American Security and Trust Company, Trustee under the Will and Testament of Katherine A. Marceron, dated January 3, 1978 and recorded January 12, 1978 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Liber 5080, folio 95.

The said James Randolph Henderson departed this life on or about August 27, 2023, leaving Dorothy E. Henderson, widowed surviving tenant by the entirety by operation of law.

The said Dorothy E. Henderson departed this life on or about May 8, 2024.

The sale will be held in front of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $925,480.08.
There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit 10% of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the successful bid must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is $918,623.26 as of July 16, 2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: July 31, 2026

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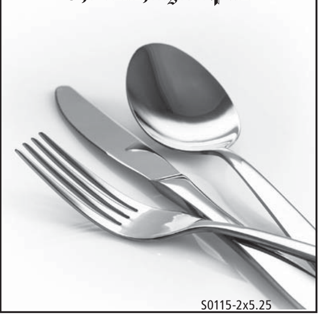

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

LOCATED AT
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Azriel Y. Burnham to Patrick D. Carollo and Joseph E. Hall, Trustee, dated August 12, 2021, and recorded in Book 63922, Page 380, in the Land Records office of Montgomery County, Maryland ("Deed of Trust") (Case C-15-CV-26-000482), default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Courthouse Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850,

ON AUGUST 19, 2026 at 11:15 AM

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS Lot numbered Thirty-One (31), in Block numbered Eighteen (18), in the subdivision known as "Plat 7, KEMP MILL ESTATES," as per plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 61 at Plat 5128 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

The property and improvements, if any, will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, existing building, zoning, and/or environmental violations, agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty either expressed or implied as to the description of the condition of the property or improvements.

The property will be sold subject to any violation notices and subject to all conditions, restrictions, covenants, encumbrances, right of ways, agreements and other matters of record affecting the same, if any.

The property will be sold subject to that certain Deed of Trust held by United Wholesale Mortgage, from Azriel Yaakov Burnham to Jerry S. Sopher, Esq., Trustee, in the amount of $352,600.00, dated August 12, 2020, and recorded in Liber 60582, Folio 117, in the Land Records Office of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check, or money order, at the time of sale will be required of all purchasers other than the holder of the Deed of Trust or an affiliate. The deposit(s) must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days at the office of the auctioneer. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in immediately available funds, within ten (10) business days after the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) business days after ratification, the deposit will be forfeited, and the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. In the event the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder or an affiliate, interest shall be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the note, or the judgment, whichever is higher, from date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee. In the event the settlement is delayed for any reason and the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder or an affiliate, there shall be no abatement of interest caused by the delay. Real property taxes, water, and sewer shall be prorated to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Any and all other fees in connection with the property incurred prior to or after the sale including, but not limited to, taxes, ground rent, condominium fees, and/or homeowners association dues, and any and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, to the extent the lien of which is not discharged by the foreclosure, and all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, and transfer taxes, shall be borne by the purchaser.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any recourse, representations, or warranties, either express or implied, as to its nature, condition, or description. Neither the Auctioneer, nor the Substitute Trustee, nor the secured party, nor the note holder, nor any other party makes any warranty or representation of any kind or nature regarding the physical condition of, the description of, or title to the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale.

If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey the property as described above, by reason of any defect in the title or otherwise, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. Upon refund of the deposit to the purchaser, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the property, the Auctioneer, the Substitute Trustee, the secured party, or the note holder. The conveyance of the property by the Substitute Trustee to the purchaser at settlement shall be by Trustee's Deed without covenant or warranty.

The purchaser is responsible for, and the property is sold subject to, any environmental matter or condition, whether latent or observable, if any, that may exist at or affect or relate to the property and to any governmental requirements affecting the same.

The contract of sale between the Substitute Trustee, as seller, and the purchaser (the "Contract of Sale") shall include, by reference, all the terms and conditions contained herein, specifically including, but not limited to, the following provisions: "Purchaser agrees and represents that the purchaser is purchasing the property subject to all matters known and unknown, in 'AS IS, WHERE IS' condition. In executing and delivering the Contract of Sale, purchaser has not relied upon nor been induced by any statements or representations of any person, including the Auctioneer, the Substitute Trustee, the secured party, the note holder, or an affiliate or their respective servicers, heirs, personal and legal representatives, agents, employees, successors, and assigns (collectively, 'Released Parties'), in respect to the condition of the property, including the environmental condition of the property, unless such representations or statements are specifically set forth in the Contract of Sale. Purchaser has not relied on anything in the foreclosure advertisement, but rather has relied solely on such investigations, examinations, or inspections of the property as purchaser has made. Purchaser waives and releases the Released Parties from any and all claims the purchaser or its successors and assigns may have now or in the future may have relating to the condition of the property. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that this provision was a negotiated part of the Contract of Sale and serves as an essential component of consideration for the same. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that this clause bars all claims by purchaser against Released Parties, arising from the condition of or releases from the property pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and all other actions pursuant to federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations for any environmental condition of or releases from the property. Further, purchaser agrees to indemnify Substitute Trustee for any liability she may have to any third party for an environmental condition of the property. Notwithstanding the parties' intent that this clause bars all such claims, should a court of competent jurisdiction deem otherwise, purchaser agrees that the presence of this clause should serve as the overwhelming, primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs under applicable federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, or regulations."

As a part of any sale, the Substitute Trustee, as agent for First National Bank of Pennsylvania ("FNB"), is required, by law, to confirm that each prospective purchaser or refinancing source and each equity holder of each such entity is not or shall not be: (i) a person with whom FNB is restricted from doing business under any Anti-Terrorism Law (as hereinafter defined) or Anti-Money Laundering statutes, (ii) engaged in any business involved in making or receiving any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of such a person or in any transaction that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, the prohibitions set forth in any Anti-Terrorism Law or any Anti-Money Laundering statutes, or (iii) otherwise in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law or Anti-Money Laundering Statutes. For the purposes herein, "Anti-Terrorism Law" shall mean any laws relating to terrorism or money laundering, including Executive Order No. 13224, effective September 24, 2001, the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56, the laws comprising or implementing the Bank Secrecy Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as jointly enforced by the United States Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the laws administered by the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (as any of the foregoing orders or laws may from time to time be amended, renewed, extended, or replaced). Any third party conducting any such sale shall be required to cooperate fully with the Substitute Trustee and FNB in connection with such confirmation. Purchaser shall be required to cooperate fully with, and provide any information requested by, the Substitute Trustee and FNB in connection with such confirmation.

Note: The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Substitute Trustee, the note holder, and the secured party do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of the information contained herein. Prospective purchasers are urged to make their own inspection.

Mary R. McCliggott, Substitute Trustee

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877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 10305 BAYBERRY LANE, SPOTSYLVANIA, VA 22553

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 4, 2019, in the original principal amount of $205,505.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Spotsylvania County, Virginia as Instrument No. 190019072. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Fredericksburg, 701 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 21, 2026, at 3:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THERETO APPURTENANT, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN COURTLAND DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 152, SECTION FOUR, PLANTATION FOREST, ON PLAT OF SUBDIVISION THEREOF DATED JULY 3, 1986, REVISED NOVEMBER 11, 1986, AND APRIL 6, 1987, DULY RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT FILE 1, PAGE 124.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepite.com. VA-383356-1.

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SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 15, 2015, recorded in Liber 50459, Folio 1 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $122,400.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit No. 516 in a Condominium styled "Park Bradford Condominium" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 379354-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11104 LUND PLACE
KENSINGTON, MD 20895

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 17, 2004, recorded in Liber 30002, Folio 6 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $355,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 28, 2026 AT 3:37 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 29274-5)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON
18325 QUEEN ELIZABETH DRIVE
OLNEY, MD 20832

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 5, 2018, recorded in Liber 56894, Folio 8 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $387,845.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:38 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $38,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359890-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5428 ALTA VISTA ROAD
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Hatib Joof, dated October 19, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33346, folio 315 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:25 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $54,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #19-603019).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

18230 METZ DRIVE
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 30, 2007, recorded in Liber 34210, Folio 396 and re-recorded in Liber 37490, Folio 357 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $222,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:34 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as follows: Lot 11, Block C, as shown on a plat of subdivision known as "Section One, Pleasant Fields", recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Plat Book 96, Page 10644. The improvements thereon being known as 18230 Metz Drive, Germantown, MD 20874. Tax ID: 06-01584891

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 377349-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

18205 COACHMANS ROAD
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2020, recorded in Liber 62107, Folio 256 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $278,989.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:36 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 379262-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

405 HARDING DRIVE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2012, recorded in Liber 44516, Folio 110 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $235,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:32 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 382835-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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11224 Rawhide Road
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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from RACHEL ETTA HAUTMANN AND JEAN M. SWARTZ, dated April 24, 2020 and recorded in book 5577 , page 536 among the Land Records of CALVERT COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-04-CV-26-000104; Tax ID No. 01-144782) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CALVERT COUNTY courthouse located at 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 .

AUGUST 27, 2026 at 9:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 23,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CALVERT COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-000258-04)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

13108 BRIARCLIFF TERRACE, UNIT #706
GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust from Henri Grenier and Phuriphada Chonsorawuth dated April 1, 2016 and recorded in Liber 51955, folio 237 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, (Case No. C-15-CV-26-002917) default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements, if any, thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

Unit 7-706, Building No. 7, Phase 5, in the Horizontal Property Regime known as "Seneca Knolls Condominium", being part of all that property more particularly described in a certain Declaration of Condominium dated February 27, 1992, and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Liber 10201, folio 494, and any amendments or supplements thereafter, by the Ryland Group, Inc., a Maryland Corporation, the Declarant thereof, and as shown on Plat entitled "4th Expansion, Phase 5, Building No. 7, Plat of Condominium Subdivision, Seneca Knolls Condominium, Plat No. 174, Parcel E, Block 19, Section 11, Churchill Town Sector", which plats are recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Condominium Plat Book 63, as Plats numbered 6441 through 6444.

Together with a prorated undivided percentage interest in the common elements thereof, in common with other unit owners, as established for this unit pursuant to the aforesaid Declaration and the By-Laws attached thereto and any amendments or supplements thereof.

Tax ID #02-03031292.

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, existing buildings and/or environmental violations, agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty either expressed or implied as to the description of the condition of the property or improvements.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or money order, at the time of sale will be required of all purchasers other than the holder of the Deed of Trust. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within ten (10) business days of the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) business days of ratification, then at the discretion of the Substitute Trustee either the deposit will be forfeited or the property will be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. In the event a resale of the Property results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting Purchaser, the defaulting purchaser waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the sale proceeds. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail postage prepaid at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. Interest to be paid on unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust note from date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustee, in the event the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder. In the event the settlement is delayed for any reason and the property is purchased by someone other than the note holder, there shall be no abatement of interest caused by the delay. There shall be no abatement of interest due to the Purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered by the Purchaser prior to settlement. Taxes, water rent, ground rent, condominium fees, and/or homeowners association dues, if applicable, to be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assume the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustee. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

2109 BLUE KNOB TERRACE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Joyce R. Halliday, dated March 21, 2005 and recorded in Liber 30669, folio 351 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 28, 2026 AT 3:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $32,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #15-613186).

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 19, 2005, and recorded in Liber 29624, folio 481, of the land records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $193,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX-ID# - 05-02504337

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, **including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§11-110 and Â§11B-117.**

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $18,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (23-172174)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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OLNEY, MD 20832

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ellsworth Romer a/k/a Ellsworth M. Romer and Ingrid Romer a/k/a Ingrid W. Romer, dated May 22, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32554, folio 154 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 21, 2026 AT 3:27 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $19,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #24-600034).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
136 69TH STREET
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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from NAOMI T. MAYNOR, dated May 5, 2017 and recorded in book 39636 , page 136 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF22-30069; Tax ID No. 18-2093151) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 18,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0411)

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VIRIGINA BEACH, VA 23452

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
116 Cree Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to HEATHER LOVIER, Trustee(s), dated March 17, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 47834, folio 533, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED NINETEEN (19), BLOCK NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO (122), SECTION NUMBERED FIFTEEN (15) OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOW AS "FOREST HEIGHTS" AS PER PLAT RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK W.W.W. NO. 23 AT PLAT 39.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.625% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (93823)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
11407 Cheryl Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to THOMAS DORE OF COVAHEY, BOOZER, DEVAN AND DORE, Trustee(s), dated March 20, 2015, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 37017, folio 468, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE 15TH ELECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, STATE OF MARYLAND, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: BEING LOT 7, BLOCK I, PLAT 2, MARLBORO WEST, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK NLP 147, PLAT 92, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND. BEING IN THE 15TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID COUNTY.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.75% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (89042)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
7061 Heather Drive
Bryans Road, MD 20616

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MIKE HUBER, Trustee(s), dated November 14, 2019, and recorded among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 14012, folio 479, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-ONE (31) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT FOUR, PHASE 1, SECTION 4-B, STRAWBERRY HILLS", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK 46, FOLIO 321.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.625% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (95663)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS
315 Woodside Place
Waldorf, MD 20601

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. , Trustee(s), dated July 5, 2024, and recorded among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 13347, folio 268, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WALDORF, COUNTY OF CHARLES, STATE OF MARYLAND: LOT NUMBERED SIXTY-FOUR (64), OF A SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "SECTION FOUR, ACTON VILLAGE" AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND IN LIBER 31 AT FOLIO 121. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO PRIOR MORTGAGES.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 12.25% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (94853)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11639 BAUGHER ROAD A/R/T/A
11639 SOUTH BAUGHER ROAD
THURMONT, MD 21788

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 31, 2023, recorded in Liber 16321, Folio 474 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $530,219.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $52,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 378091-1)

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Another sticky day

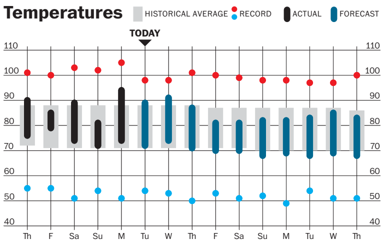
Today should be a lot like Monday: Sunny and humid, with a high near 90. In the evening, it'll be partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Some storms could be on deck later in the week, so keep an umbrella handy.

AccuWeather FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	T-storm	T-storm	T-storm	T-storms
89° 72°	91° 74°	87° 71°	81° 70°	81° 70°	82° 68°
REALFEEL®: **96°**	REALFEEL® **96°**	REALFEEL® **94°**	REALFEEL® **86°**	REALFEEL® **86°**	REALFEEL® **85°**
CHANCE PRECIP: **5%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **5%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **90%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **90%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **65%**
WIND: **NNW 7–14 mph**	WIND: **WNW 6–12 mph**	WIND: **ESE 4–8 mph**	WIND: **NE 4–8 mph**	WIND: **NNE 4–8 mph**	WIND: **NNW 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**

OFFICIAL RECORD

Temperatures

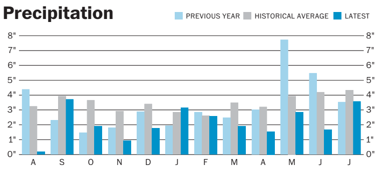


Statistics through 5 p.m. Monday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**94°** 3:33 p.m.	**91°** 3:00 p.m.	**92°** 2:38 p.m.
Low	**74°** 6:00 a.m.	**72°** 6:00 a.m.	**73°** 5:44 a.m.
Historical Average	88°/71°	87°/65°	87°/66°
Record high	105° 1997	101° 1988	100° 1997
Record low	51° 1902	44° 1979	53° 1979

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+1.5°** yr. to date: **+0.4°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.08"	1.20"	0.03"
Total this month	3.48"	3.52"	4.14"
Historical Average (month)	1.78"	1.95"	2.29"
Total this year	20.77"	28.07"	24.91"
Historical Average (year)	26.44"	27.64"	27.98"

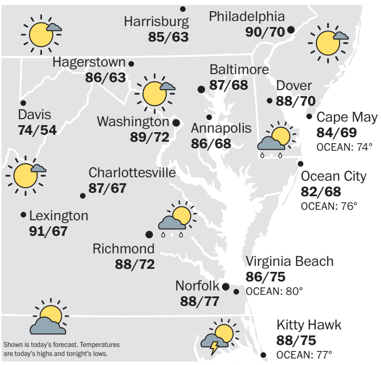
Moon Phases

Aug 19	**Aug 28**	**Sep 4**	**Sep 10**
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:24 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Moon	12:50 p.m.	10:48 p.m.
Venus	10:17 a.m.	9:42 p.m.
Mars	2:15 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Jupiter	5:10 a.m.	7:18 p.m.
Saturn	10:04 p.m.	10:31 a.m.

REGION TODAY


Harrisburg 85/63
Philadelphia 90/70
Hagerstown 86/63
Baltimore 87/68
Dover 88/70
Davis 74/54
Washington 89/72
Annapolis 86/68
Cape May 84/69 OCEAN: 74°
Charlottesville 87/67
Ocean City 82/68 OCEAN: 76°
Lexington 91/67
Richmond 88/72
Virginia Beach 86/75 OCEAN: 80°
Norfolk 88/77
Kitty Hawk 88/75 OCEAN: 77°

Shown is today's forecast. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Pollen: Moderate
Observed ratings on 8/17

Grass	Low
Trees	Absent
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	Moderate

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

Air Quality: Moderate
Main pollutant: Ozone

UV: Very High
8 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, partly sunny, humid, a couple of showers. High 83. Winds northeast 4–8 mph. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, fog late, humid. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, less humid, sunshine, some clouds. High 73. Winds northwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 59. Winds north 4–8 mph.

Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, partly sunny, very humid, a couple of showers. High 82. Winds northeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, clear, humid. Low 68. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, partly sunny, humid, a shower in spots this afternoon. High 86. Winds north–northeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, humid. Low 75.

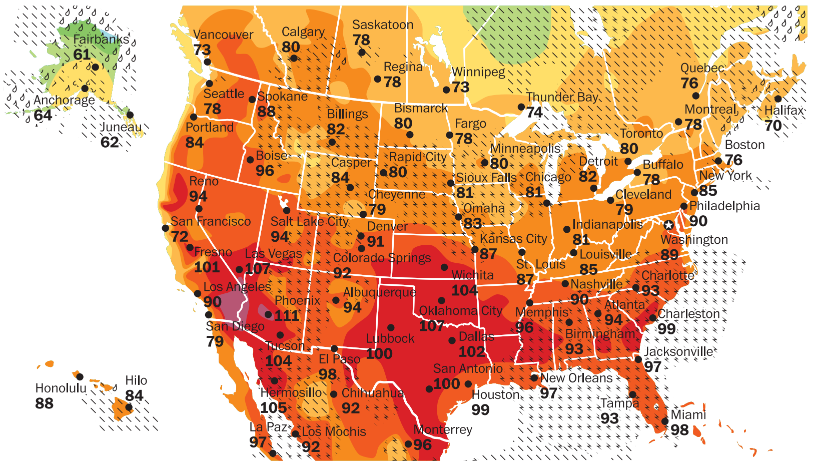
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind north–northwest 6–12 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind northwest 6–12 knots. Waves 0–1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1–2 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.40 feet today, falling to 2.90 Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides.)

Washington	**12:42 a.m.**	7:51 a.m.	**1:08 p.m.**	7:47 p.m.
Annapolis	4:16 a.m.	**9:35 a.m.**	4:03 p.m.	**11:02 p.m.**
Ocean City	6:08 a.m.	**12:24 p.m.**	6:55 p.m.	**none**
Norfolk	**1:59 a.m.**	8:05 a.m.	**2:34 p.m.**	9:06 p.m.
Point Lookout	12:47 a.m.	**5:49 a.m.**	12:05 p.m.	**6:58 p.m.**

NATION TODAY

Weather map features for today.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Montreal 78
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Cheyenne 79
Omaha 83
Cleveland 79
Philadelphia 90
San Francisco 72
Salt Lake City 94
Denver 91
Indianapolis 81
Washington 89
Fresno 101
Las Vegas 107
Colorado Springs 92
Kansas City 87
St. Louis 87
Louisville 85
Los Angeles 90
Wichita 104
Charlotte 93
Phoenix 111
Albuquerque 94
Nashville 90
San Diego 79
Oklahoma City 107
Memphis 96
Atlanta 94
Charleston 99
Tucson 104
El Paso 98
Lubbock 100
Dallas 102
Birmingham 93
Jacksonville 97
San Antonio 100
New Orleans 97
Hermosillo 105
Chihuahua 92
Houston 99
Tampa 93
Miami 98
La Paz 97
Los Mochis 92
Monterrey 96

Showers	T-storms	Rain	Flurries	Snow	Ice

<–10	–0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110+

Yesterday's National
High: Blythe, CA **112°**
Low: Walden, CO **36°**
For the 48 contiguous states

Yesterday's World
High: Omidieh, Iran **123°**
Low: Mt. Cook, New Zealand **17°**
Excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	82/59/pc	83/64/pc
Albuquerque	94/70/s	97/70/s
Anchorage	64/52/c	62/53/sh
Atlanta	94/71/s	97/73/pc
Austin	102/77/s	102/77/s
Baltimore	87/68/s	89/70/s
Billings, MT	82/61/t	91/59/pc
Birmingham	93/70/s	97/76/pc
Bismarck, ND	80/54/pc	83/59/t
Boise	96/64/s	98/67/s
Boston	76/69/pc	84/70/pc
Buffalo	78/65/s	77/58/t
Burlington, VT	80/60/pc	79/60/t
Charleston, SC	99/77/t	96/79/t
Charleston, WV	82/64/pc	86/68/c
Charlotte	93/73/s	93/71/s
Cheyenne, WY	79/56/t	83/54/t
Chicago	81/67/t	78/62/t
Cincinnati	80/65/pc	80/67/t
Cleveland	79/66/s	79/63/t
Dallas	102/82/s	103/82/s
Denver	91/61/pc	90/63/t
Des Moines	80/65/t	80/63/t
Detroit	82/65/pc	80/60/t
El Paso	98/74/s	102/76/s
Fairbanks, AK	61/51/c	66/51/c
Fargo, ND	78/50/pc	81/60/pc
Hartford, CT	84/61/pc	87/64/pc
Honolulu	88/76/c	88/77/pc
Houston	99/79/s	98/78/s
Indianapolis	81/68/s	80/66/t
Jackson, MS	103/77/t	102/77/t
Jacksonville, FL	97/77/t	99/75/t
Kansas City, MO	87/71/t	83/68/t
Las Vegas	107/86/pc	109/87/pc
Little Rock	101/79/pc	104/78/t
Los Angeles	90/69/pc	91/69/pc
Louisville	85/69/s	86/70/t
Memphis	96/78/pc	97/76/t
Miami	98/81/s	96/80/t
Milwaukee	80/65/t	76/60/pc
Minneapolis	80/61/t	81/63/pc
Nashville	90/67/pc	92/74/pc
New Orleans	97/80/t	96/77/t
New York City	85/71/pc	87/72/s
Norfolk	88/77/t	88/76/pc
Oklahoma City	107/76/s	105/73/s
Omaha	83/66/t	80/65/t
Orlando	96/79/t	93/77/t
Philadelphia	90/70/s	91/73/pc
Phoenix	111/90/s	111/89/pc
Pittsburgh	80/63/s	79/62/t
Portland, ME	76/63/sh	79/62/pc
Portland, OR	84/58/pc	81/59/pc
Providence, RI	82/67/pc	86/67/pc
Raleigh, NC	95/74/t	95/72/s
Reno, NV	94/63/s	98/62/s
Richmond	88/72/pc	88/72/pc
Sacramento	98/61/pc	99/61/pc
St. Louis	87/72/s	84/69/t
St. Thomas, VI	92/82/s	89/81/pc
Salt Lake City	94/71/pc	98/74/s
San Diego	79/69/s	78/69/pc
San Francisco	72/58/pc	72/58/pc
San Juan, PR	91/80/sh	91/79/t
Seattle	78/56/pc	77/57/pc
Spokane, WA	88/58/pc	87/58/s
Syracuse	80/60/pc	77/61/t
Tampa	93/82/t	92/80/t
Wichita	104/75/s	89/70/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	73/56/r	74/55/r
Amsterdam	71/63/sh	71/61/sh
Athens	89/69/s	90/70/s
Auckland	57/46/s	56/38/s
Baghdad	113/86/s	109/88/s
Bangkok	95/81/sh	93/80/r
Beijing	89/70/r	89/73/pc
Berlin	68/60/r	66/57/sh
Bogota	65/50/sh	68/48/r
Brussels	73/64/sh	71/59/c
Buenos Aires	54/46/c	57/47/s
Cairo	93/75/pc	94/74/pc
Caracas	78/69/t	76/68/t
Copenhagen	66/57/c	65/55/r
Dakar	90/80/c	91/82/t
Dublin	66/54/sh	65/52/sh
Edinburgh	65/52/sh	62/50/sh
Frankfurt	73/63/c	77/62/sh
Geneva	85/59/pc	91/66/s
Ham., Bermuda	86/77/s	86/79/s
Helsinki	67/48/c	68/44/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	87/77/r	89/79/r
Hong Kong	91/82/r	91/82/t
Islamabad	90/77/r	89/77/r
Istanbul	83/70/s	87/72/pc
Jerusalem	84/68/s	86/68/s
Johannesburg	78/48/s	78/47/s
Kabul	93/68/pc	94/69/pc
Kingston, Jam.	94/80/sh	92/81/s
Kolkata	87/79/r	89/79/r
Kyiv	85/55/sh	74/59/r
Lagos	84/75/t	85/76/r
Lima	76/68/pc	76/66/s
Lisbon	84/68/s	81/66/s
London	79/60/c	76/55/pc
Madrid	102/74/s	96/69/s
Manila	83/77/t	86/77/t
Mexico City	77/56/sh	77/57/sh
Montreal	78/64/pc	71/59/t
Moscow	73/61/c	65/53/r
Mumbai	88/81/r	87/81/r
Nairobi	72/59/sh	74/55/c
New Delhi	93/80/r	91/81/t
Oslo	68/51/pc	66/50/r
Ottawa	78/63/pc	76/54/t
Paris	83/66/c	81/62/t
Prague	65/59/sh	77/59/sh
Rio de Janeiro	81/70/s	82/69/s
Riyadh	115/91/s	112/89/s
Rome	90/73/s	90/73/s
San Salvador	90/69/sh	89/69/r
Santiago	66/39/pc	65/42/pc
Sarajevo	83/56/t	92/62/s
Seoul	89/74/pc	88/75/sh
Shanghai	90/80/pc	91/80/sh
Singapore	92/80/t	89/78/t
Stockholm	65/42/pc	67/46/pc
Sydney	65/50/sh	69/53/s
Taipei City	93/80/t	91/79/t
Tehran	105/84/pc	105/84/pc
Tokyo	87/76/pc	90/76/s
Toronto	80/66/s	76/56/t
Vienna	73/64/sh	85/64/s
Warsaw	67/53/sh	70/59/sh

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

* AccuWeather's **RealFeel Temperature®** combines over a dozen factors for an accurate measure of how the conditions really "feel."

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Cool at the pool

Genesis Oblington, 6, receives an ice cream cone after playing at Ellen E. Linson Splash Park in College Park, Maryland, on Monday.

Traffic fatalities are on the rise in D.C.

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A Metrobus is seen in 2020.

PEDESTRIANS FROM **B12**

over" the pedestrian, a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority spokesperson said in a statement. "The pedestrian suffered life-threatening injuries, and CPR was initiated."

The man was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

The driver of the bus remained on the scene.

Circumstances surrounding the crash were not clear. Fairfax police said the incident remains under investigation. Metro Transit Police said Metro supervisors and officers are supporting the inquiry.

Over the weekend, at least two other pedestrians were killed in separate crashes in the D.C. area.

In Washington, a woman was killed Sunday evening in a hit-and-run at the intersection of North Capitol Street and New York Avenue NE, D.C. police said. Police are looking for two men in connection with the crash.

That incident comes as traffic fatalities are sharply up in the District this year, according to city data.

Late Saturday night in Dumfries, Virginia, Emanuel De Jesus Burgos Mejia, 44, was killed while crossing Fraley Boulevard, Prince William County police said. He died at the scene after being struck by two cars.

Nationally, pedestrian fatalities have surged, with yearly deaths caused by vehicles striking pedestrians rising 70 percent between 2010 and 2023 amid neglect and lack of investment by transportation authorities, The Washington Post reported last year.

Over the years, several pedestrians have been killed in Metrobus accidents around the D.C. area.

In 2020, a pedestrian was struck and killed by a Metrobus in Southeast Washington. In 2016, a passenger on a Metrobus attacked the driver and then hijacked the vehicle in Northeast Washington, before crashing into a gas station and fatally striking a pedestrian.

In less than a week in 2007, three women were struck and killed by Metrobuses, which at the time prompted Metro officials to reiterate their intentions to make all drivers undergo safety training.

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Enter for the chance to win a pair of tickets to Quicksand & Bane
It's impossible to overstate Quicksand's influence on hardcore. Formed in New York City in 1990 by veterans of Gorilla Biscuits, Youth of Today, Burn and Bold, the band pushed hardcore's raw aggression into heavier, groove-driven territory, helping define the sound that would become known as post-hardcore. Joining them are Soul Blind, whose thick, pedal-drenched sound channels the weight of their hardcore roots through the hooks, haze and massive guitars of modern rock. Don't miss this one of a kind performance.
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